A

REPLY

TO

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Written by (whom?) but Jo. Partridge an *Engliſh* Renegado. Manifeſting his horrid Treaſons, wicked Blaſphemies, and moſt abſurd Errours in Art; and exhibiting the genuine ſignification of the STARS toward

GREAT BRITAIN.

What reward ſhall be given (or done) unto thee thou falſe Tongue; even mighty and ſharp Arrows with hot burning Coles. Pſal. 120. 3.

Let the miſchief of their own Lips fall upon the head of them: Let hot burning Coles fall upon them: Let them be caſt into the Fire, and into the Pit, that they never riſe up again. Pſal. 140. 9. 10.

If ye do Live, ye ſhall be Accurſed: If ye Die, the Curſe ſhall be your Portion. Eccleſ. 41. 9

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TO ALL

LOYAL READERS,

WHETHER

ENGLISH, or *DUTCH*,

Or, of any other NATION.

Gentlemen!

YOu may wonder to see a Prognostication for 1687. peep out in August, viz. when more than half the Year's expir'd. But you'l admire much more at the occasion, when, in the Reading it you find 'tis a Reply to One of the same Year, written (I am asham'd to speak it) by an English-Man, with a design to Traduce and Trample upon His Majesty, and Government, to decry Monarchy, vent Treason, with Blasphemy, and all manner of wickedness that can be expresst in Ink and Paper; And this under pretence of Astrology, to the great dishonour of God, and the Science of the Stars, bidding defiance to Heaven it self, with the greatest impudence and indecency of Expression, that possibly can proceed from the Pen of one in Humane shape.

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But that which we may moſt marvel at, is, that this Author, *(fled for* Treaſon *into* Holland, *ſhould There find Protection. In* Holland! *I ſay, a Country in Amity with* England, *and Ally'd to His* Majeſty *by the ſtrongeſt and moſt* Royal *of all* Pledges, *that Nature or Nations can afford: I mean the happy* Eſpouſal *of the Royal and Illuſtrious Princeſs, the* Princeſs MARY, *the Eldeſt Daughter of* England, *unto the thrice Noble, Valiant, and Magnanimous* Prince of Orange: *The preſent viſible hopes of that Induſtrious and Fortunate Nations Riſe, and Honour. If, I ſay, this be conſider'd by that* Wiſe *and* Prudent *People, they'l never believe it* Pleaſant, *or* Grateful *to the* Ears *of that* Royal Princeſs, *or to the moſt Excellent* Prince *Her Husband. Nor is it for the Honour of the High and Mighty* States *themſelves, to ſuffer this bold* Libeller *to Publiſh his impudent* Scandals *and* Treaſons *(un-regarded) under their very* Noſes. *Which practice tends, not only to the diſhonour and diſturbance of thoſe againſt whom he levels his Arrows of Envy; but, to a direct breach of the Friendſhip of both* Nations: *For the continuance whereof, every good Man in each Country will always Pray.*

If a Letter *or* Falſe Report *have (formerly) ſet* Nations at odds, *what then may be the Iſſue of a* Connivance *at the groſeſt* Scandals *and* Treaſons? *and wherein the greateſt of* Kings, *and the*

best and most Antient of Religions *is concern'd? I will not presume to Augure, or Determine, what: But this I may be bold to affirm, if* Honour *be tender in a* single Person, *'tis much more so in a* Prince, *or* Nation. *If the* Faith of Nations *be allow'd* Sacred, *then, why not their* Honour? *It concerns me, that I am constrain'd to re-mind my Native Country of th se broad fac'd* Calumnies, *thus* (sine causa) *cast upon Her: But more, that in all this time there has not been found one* Loyal English-Man *of Courage and Ability to Retort them.*

As for the method, I have follow'd the Libeller, *almost* κατα πoδας, *(save in his rude and ridiculous Poetry, at the beginning, and end of his Libel, the substance whereof is sufficiently reply'd unto in the following discourse.) I have ript up his Ridiculous* Follies, *expos'd his* Blasphemies *and* Treasons, *Corrected his* Errours *in* Art, *made known his gross* Juglings *and the no-ground he had, wherein to* Traduce *his* KING *and* Country.

For the Hexameters over the Months, I will not call them so much an Answer *to his Infamous* Rhimes, *as Direction, and Caution to him of the danger of jesting with* Edge-Tools, *least his Treasonable and Blasphemous Mirth bring him to Perdition.* Non bonum est ludere cum Sanctis. *Had I exactly follow'd him here, I must have put my self upon the ungrateful* Drudgery *of repeating*

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all his Atheiſme *and* Blaſphemies; *which muſt needs Nauſeate any ſober* Reader.

I have Explain'd all the horrid Scandals *and* Falſhoods *contain'd in his* Chronology, *and have taken the pains to inform him of ſome things, he'l no more thank me for, than care to hear of.*

Now that Truth *may Triumph, and* Rebellion *and* Falſhood *meet its juſt* Reward; *That our Noble Nation, and the moſt Puiſſant* Governour *thereof, may ever (as they already do)* out-ſhine, *and* dazle *their* Enemies, *and ſee the* Down-fall *of ſuch as wiſh them* Ill. *That they may be the* wonder *of the* World *in their* Devotion *to* God, *and true* Loyalty *towards the* King. *That all true and uſeful* Arts *may Flouriſh among us; and that Loyal* Artiſts *may prove as Zealous in the Uſe of them, for the Honour and Advantage of the* King *and* Government, *as* Rebels *and* Traytors *are ready to imploy them againſt both. Is the conſtant Prayer of*

(Gentlemen!)

Your Humble Servant.

Touch'd with the ſenſe of Ancient Britains *worth,*
My Pent-up Muſe *into a* Flame *breaks forth,*
Of Sacred Fury! *ſcorns to be afraid,*
Of vaunting Boaſts dull Hereticks *have made,*
Againſt the Chriſtian Truth *which muſt prevail;*
While every Schiſm *unto* Her *ſtrike Sail.*

READER! That thou may'ſt ſee what an *Engliſhman* the *Libeller* is, he hath omitted the *Martyrdom* of King *Charles* I. in his Calendar, which was *January* 30, 1648. a *diſmal Day* indeed! and never to be forgotten by any Loyal Man, and Chriſtian. A Day commanded by *Act of Parliament* to be obſerv'd for ever. But the *Libeller* is as much a Friend to the *Priviledges* of *Parliament*, as to the *Honour* and *Prerogative* of Kings. *i. e.* For either, or neither, as his periſhing *Intereſt* leads him. For his *Aſtrological judgements* of this Month, as they are not many, nor Material, ſo had he no great ground in *Art*, whereon to raiſe any. Howbeit, he makes *Soldiers* brisk and buſie, *&c.* in this un-active and un-ſutable time of the Year: Whenas, his *Tuſſer* might have taught him better. *Aſtrology* tells him, that every Cœleſtial *Agent* works upon the *Patient*; *ſecundum quid*, *i e.* according to its *aptneſs* and *diſpoſition* to receive the influence and impreſſion; and to the *Time* and *Place* alſo, when, and where the *effect* is expected; according to *Hipocrates*. Now *January*, of all the Months in the Year, is the moſt unfit for *Martial* buſineſs, or briskneſs. And I will inform the *Libeller*, *That though the Loadſtone will draw Iron, it will not draw a Nail out of a Poſt.*

Obſervations

Right Chriſtian Prieſts *are like their* Mother, *True*,
Pious *and* Painful, *and* Obedient *too*.
Their Charity's *ſo great, as fain would Save*
The veriеſt Villain, *and the vileſt* Knave:
Even ſuch as Wrong *them moſt! This is their* Care,
To bring Truths Enemies *to Bliſs by* Prayer.

HEre the *Libeller* boldly Prædicts-- *Some high offers made to the King of* Spain *by ſome Grave Saturnine States-man*. He ſeems to build his Judgement upon the *Sextile* of *Saturn* and *Mars*; And ſo makes *Mars* to ſignifie that *Monarch*. But if any demand, *Quo Warranto*, by what Authority he doth ſo? He hath nothing to Anſwer. For neither is *Spain* it ſelf, or yet that *Catholick Prince*, ſignified under *Mars*. And if he ſubject that *Monarch* to *Saturn*, (as ſome *Aſtrologers* do, and perhaps, truly) then he makes *Mars* the *Grave States-man*, who is to propound theſe offers, *&c.* It is certainly, *Primæ impreſſionis*, the very firſt time that *Mars* hath been term'd a *Grave States-man*: Nor was he ever eſteem'd a *Politician*, except in the *Libellers Aſtrology*; who, it ſeems, hath got *Caucus*'s Art, and can make (--*Candida de nigris, & de candentibus atra*) *Saturne*, the *Roaring Boy*, and *Mars* the Sober Thinking *Philoſopher*---- He goes on, The *Conjunction of* Jupiter *and* Mars *in* Sagitary, *diſturbs the Clergy in* England; *I hope*, (ſaith he) *They are not about to put on* Buff-Coats; *if they do, the* Souldier *muſt wear the* Black Ones. But, bleſſed be God, we have heard of no ſuch Eccleſiaſtical War in *England*. And to ſay the Truth, his Prædiction is without ground; For, if *Cancer* be the preſent *Horoſcope* of *England*, (as it is,) then are the *Clergy* thereof not under *Sagitary*, but *Aquarius*; and may *wear their Black Gowns* themſelves, if they *Forfeit* them not, or make themſelves *Irregular*, by Dancing after the *LIBELLERS* Pipe.

Obſer-

This Papal-Power, *though* Envy'd *by the* Fiend,
Is That will bring His Kingdom *to an* End,
That Fiend! *which ſets his* Sons *a broaching* Lyes,
To Cheat *the* Eaſy, *and to* Damn *the* Wiſe.
Our Saviour's *Promiſe to his* Church *is ſure*:
With IT *He'll be, while* Sun *and* Moon *endure.*

March, is threat'ned by the *Libeller*, *to be a Month of Action with a Witneſs*; And to bode *an Earth-quake among Gown-men, both Sacred and Secular*; *Biſhops, Judges Civilians*, &c. *are blown up, and out of their Elements* --- But not one word of all this hath *proved true*. Nor was it likely it ſhould. For let us examine upon what *Configuration* he lays the weight of this *Prædiction*; and we find it to be upon the *Quadrate* of the *Luminaries* to *Jupiter* at the *New Moon*. But doth not every *Aſtrologer* know that *Quadrates* are *Aſpects* but of imperfect *Enmity* at the moſt? And that *Jupiter* is a Star of an Amicable and Preſerving *Influence* Naturally? And are we not taught by the *Sages* of this *Science*, that if that good Planet happen to be detrimented, (which here he is not) it doth only *minuere*, (*i. e.*) Leſſen his benefique *Energie*, but not *permute* his Nature? How then, I ſay, ſhould ſuch an *Earth-quake* have fallen out?--- But the *event* hath anſwer'd his *Prediction*; As there was no ground for it, ſo nothing like it hath happen'd. The *Libeller* is as true in what follows, *viz*, *About the third and fourth day a Surprize of ſome Town, Caſtle, Fort*, &c. *Holland* threat'ned with *War*, and *Denmark* with *Invaſion*, *England* and *France* with *Diſcontents*, &c. All which have been fulfil'd *per* Ἀντιφρασιν, to the Lying *Libellers* Credit.

Obſer-

Obſervations on APRIL.

Reaſon *muſt yield to* Faith *in Sacred things*;
Prieſts, *like good* Angels, *ſtill good Tidings bring.*
'Tis for our Souls *they* Watch. *We then ſhould* Pray
For, not Traduce *them*: *leaſt we run* Aſtray
From the great Shepherds Fold. *Ungrateful men,*
Do Crucifie *the* Lord *of* Life *again.*

THe Libeller confidently tells us,--- *This is a month of War too, with News of a Bloody Diſpute by Sea or Land, or both.*---- But, for his *Conviction* there was not one word of any *War*, or any ſuch *Bloody Diſpute* heard of in all this *month.* And yet herewith he hath threat'ned *England, France, Scotland, Holland, Denmark, Sweden,* and part of *Germany.*---- The Man's chief deſign is to *Terrifie* England, *&c.* with *War, Diſturbances,* &c. but is hitherto miſtaken in his meaſures, as he is like to be for the Future; Maugre all his *Fanatick* malice. For the *Zodiacal Square* of *Mars* to the *Sun* and *Moon*, (he lays ſo much ſtreſs on) is ſeperated, even beyond the *Orbs* of *Mars*, and *They* much *ſwifter* in motion than *He.* Which had the *Libeller* minded, he had not been guilty of this Fooliſh and Ridiculous *menace.* Well! but though he hath frighted us with falſe fears of Variety of Miſchiefs, *&c.* Yet he ſays, *The* Trine *of the* Sun *and* Jupiter *from* Sagitary *and* Aries, *prefers ſome very Loyal Red Letter'd-Clergy-man, Common* Lawyer, *or Civilian, and that in* England *too.* The Libeller is here turn'd *Paraſite,* and *Fawns* upon, and *Flatters* thoſe whom he mortally *hates.* Or elſe it may be he hath ſome Intervals of a *Penitent Conſcience* (which I wiſh him moſt heartily, if he have not) otherwiſe, how can we think him in earneſt, when he allows of a *Red-letter'd-man* to be Loyal? Let him *Read* this *Lecture* to thoſe *Gentlemen,* who in their publick *Sermons,* (and in Print too) have affirm'd the contrary. But alas! the *Truth* is, This *Prædiction* came from him by way of *Irony*, I doubt. otherwiſe I could ſhew him its juſt Verification.

Says Truth *it ſelf*,--- Believe *and* Saved *be*;
Yet ſhew ſome Signs *of thy* Integrity
In Pious Works; By *which a* Chriſtian's *known*,
And not by Beaſtly Railing Order *down*.
Chriſt *came not to* Deſtroy! *but to fulfil*
The Will *of* God: *The* Rule *of* Humane Will.

THe *Libeller* is here upon the *High Rope*: and tells us,--- That *Lorain*, *Ireland*, *Ruſſia*, and *Poland*, are *violently*, *threat'ned with the effects of the* Suns *eclipſe in* Taurus: *when* Mars *comes to the Square thereof in* June *and* July, But, bleſſed be God, we have liv'd paſt thoſe very *months* and do not find *Lorain Reſtor'd*, nor *Ireland Diſturb'd*: which were the *Libellers* groundleſs *Hopes*. We know who he means by his *Turk of Chriſtendom* in *February*; but let him, as an *Artiſt*, tell me if ever he knew any *Perſon* who had the Lord of his *Horoſcope in ſecunda Domo*, that ever parted with any thing eaſily that he got, be it by Conqueſt, or otherwiſe? And for the Affairs in *Ireland*, they are in a very thriving Poſture, and daily like to be better. Let the *Libeller* read Mr. *Whalley's* Judgement on that *Gallant Countrey*, for 1687. and be convinced--- That *eclipſes*, Govern'd by *Venus*, are Innocuous both to Places and Perſons, unleſs aggravated by other Circumſtances.--- But he concludes,--- *Popery will not do*. And, why not, *Libeller*! If *Red-letter'd-men* are *Loyal*, as lately you allowed them.--- But, *'tis not good* (ſays he) *to promote it by preferring Scandalous Favourers of it*; I ſay ſo too. But where are any ſuch Prefer'd? If he can find any; let him produce One Honeſt Man of his *Faction* to throw the *Stone*. The *Wretch* is brim full of *envy*, and is much troubled that the KING hath any *Loyal men* fit to Serve Him. But *Popery*! *Popery*! That's the *Term* with all thoſe who know not what *Religion*, or *Catholick* is.

Obſervations

To Rail *at* Prieſts, *and* Ban *the* Holy Groſs.
May purchaſe to thy Soul *eternal* Loſs.
Alas! *No* Inquiſition *here can free*
Us, from the Abyſs *of* Eternity.
To Rome *none need be* Slaves! *'Tis* Hereſy
Ingulphs our Souls! *The* True Church *ſets us* Free.

NOw the *Libeller* doubles his Threats at *London*, bidding us remember the *Sun is in* Gemini, *in Oppoſition to* Jupiter *in* Sagitary; *and that it affects* London *about Religion, Liberty of Conſcience, Perſecution*, &c.—— Sir, we do remember all you ſay very well, and affirm, *ſecundum Artem*, that though *Jupiter* be in *Oppoſition* of the *Sun*, &c. Yet hath *London* felt no *Perſecution* in this Month, either for *Religion*, or ought elſe; but the plain contrary. We muſt read the *Libeller backward*, as Men read *Hebrew*. In the room of *Perſecution*, we enjoy *Liberty of Conſcience* in the Service of God. A *Diſpenſation*! that we are indebted to *Heaven* for, and to a *Gracious King*; who is a true *Nurſing Father* to all His People! A *Diſpenſation*! This *Libeller* no more *Foreſaw*, than *Wiſhed*. And, now I would have the *Libeller* remember, That in true *Aſtrology*, *No aſpects of the Fortunate Stars*, (in a ſtrict ſenſe) *can be hurtful*, much leſs can they *change* their *eſſential Virtues* into Malignity, *vide* Sir C. *H.* p. 513. The *Libeller* hath therefore *Forged* this Judgement, *contra artem*, on purpoſe to Create *Diſturbances*. Silly Soul! to imagine that the *Specifical* Virtues of the *Stars* can be changed. They may, indeed, (as *Aſtrologers*, with good Reaſon allow) be *Intended*, or *Remitted*, but never *alter'd*: and *Magis & minus non tollunt ſpeciem*: Their *eſſences* muſt remain the *ſame* for ever.

Obſervations on JULY.

Nor can our Holy Mother *give command*
To Murder *men! For, on Her* Ivory *Hand*
A Spotleſs White *is ſeen*! No Blood-Stains *there*,
The Schiſmaticks *for* Blood! *the* Church *for* Prayer.
But this vain Wight *believes that* Chriſtians *can*
Command, *what's* Diſallow'd *by th'* Alcoran.

THe *Libeller* tells us, *Mars Retrograde, in Oppoſition to the place of the laſt Conjunction* 1682. *ſhews loſs to the* Turk *by the arms of his enemies.* But, what hath the *Turk* to do with *Aquary* and *Leo?* the place and oppoſite of that *Conjunction.* I wonder he had not levell'd this Arrow againſt the *Pope* and *Popery*, (the only *Butt* or *Mark* of his *malice*!) but he had not the *luck* to hit on't. In truth it is of no great moment to either, but that the *Libeller* loves to hang *great Weights* on *little Wyers.* For *Mars* comes every year to the *place*, and *Oppoſition* of that *Conjunction*, and ſhould, by his Argument, as often put the *Turk* into a *Feaver.* But alas! *Tranſits* are but of little effect when other *Influences* are abſent. There are other more prevalent *Cauſes* that *menace* the *Turks*, of which I perceive *He's* ignorant; and I have not room here to inform him.--- But the *Libeller* talks of a *New Plot, and Accuſations for Treaſon, upon the Oppoſition of* Mars *and* Mercury; *and* England *and* France *are concern'd*, The Man is willing to put his *fellow aſſociates* in good Heart, that when he hath ſet us together by the *Ears*, they may take a *trip* over, to help on the *Rebellion.* Ungrateful *Brute!* Thus, without *Reaſon*, to *Rave* againſt his *Native Countrey*, He was affraid, to take notice of the formidable *Trine of the Sun and Jupiter*, which, with reſpect to a commanding *Radical conſtitution*, and other concurring Circumſtances, bodes *England* much good in Earneſt, and Anticipates his *Plots, Treaſons*, &c. But this was not for the *Libellers tooth* to take notice of.

Obſervations

Let France *and* Spain, *and all the* World *make known,*
The prejudice *that* Prieſts; *as* Prieſts, *have done.*
And then conſider *how this* Wretched Man,
At th' Sacred *Name of* Prieſt, *dare* Curſe *and* Ban,
But They *that Freedom take* Gods Prieſts *to* Curſe,
Would ſerve Kings *ſo*! *and* (*had they* Power) worſe.

OUr Canting *Libeller* here tells us,--- *That from the Oppoſition of the* Sun *and* Mars *laſt* Lunation, *there will be more Murders, Duels, and Violence of all ſorts.* Where by the way, I muſt tell him, he's guilty of another *Cretiſm*, and falſe Art together. For that Oppoſition was not *Angular*, but *Cadent*: Celebrated in the *Twelfth* and *Sixth* Houſes: And therefore could not intimate *publick Murders*, or *Violence*, &c. But rather *Fears, Anxieties, Impriſonments, Sorrows, Bodily Infirmities*, and the like. This he knows to be the true *Engliſh* of that *Oppoſition*, and not what he ſuggeſts. But he goes on,--- Italy *is under ſome apprehenſion of Troubles*; ſome of the *Sacred Crew* at *Rome diſagree about power, precedence*, &c, Here the *Libeller* hath *transfer'd* a term of *Art* uſed among *Saylers*, (*viz.* the *Boat-Swain* and his *Crew*,) to the *Pope* and his *Cardinals*: as having juſt the ſame (but no more) Reverence for *Them*.--- Well! *but nothing* comes of *it but words and talk*. Nay, I dare lay a Wager with him, nor that neither. For *Jupiter* (the Patron of the *Sacred Crew*, as he ſcurrilouſly terms them,) is in *Sagitary*, comforting the *Horoſcope* of *Rome*, by a Noble *Trigonal* Beam: And *Trines* never *diſturb*, but *aſſiſt* ſuch *places* and *perſons* that *ſhare* in the *Influence*. But the *Libellers* Prædictions never afford any *Muſick*, unleſs the *Prieſt* bear a part, like the *Dumb Jack* in the *Virginals*.

Obſervations on SEPTEMBER.

The Voice *of th' People cannot always be*
The Voice *of* God, *W'have ſeen the* Contrary.
Frauds, *and* Falſe Rumours *have their* Root *in* Hell:
And 'twas for London's Sins, *that* London *Fell.*
But that Rome Burnt it, *Swear't who will! I Fear*
The Martyr's Blood! *made* London *pay ſo* Dear.

NOw the *Libeller* talks of *Peace and Reconciliation*, *but that the Troubles of* Europe *will not over, while the Power of the* Conjunction *of* Saturn *and* Jupiter *laſts.*---*And that* Mars *in* Aquary *will irritate the Effects thereof.* This is ſomewhat of the *Cuckows* Note he Sung before, and for which I have already reckon'd with him. But yet I ask him, whether that *Conjunction* be not more for *quieting*, than *creating Troubles*, ſince *Jupiter* is the *Ruling Planet* therein? Some trouble, 'tis true, there may be to bring *Beggars to the Stocks*, and then to get in their Legs. But *Peace* and *Unity* will be the *Conſequence* of that *Conjunction*. And I can tell him, that after the Celebration of that *Conjunction*, his Patrons, *Shaftsbury* and *Monmouth*, &c. never *proſper'd*. He proceeds,--- *The preſent Wars ſhall Travel from one Countrey to another, till all* Europe *have taſted thereof.* But, (as I ſaid) the *Ruling Planet* in that *Conjunction*, is for *Peace*, and for freeing us from *Diſquiet*, not fomenting it.--- But lo! He changes his Scene, to *Whiſpers in* England *about a Man of Quality, Old, and Infirm.* Who he is, we'll tell you when the *Libeller* hath told us. Sure he means not Sir *P. W.* who plays at *Hide* and *Seek*, to avoid the Puniſhment due to *Perjury*. He's an *Old Man*; and was of *Quality* too, when he (as this *Libeller*) affirm'd the *Papiſts Burnt* London, *and* maliciouſly Order'd it (when *Mayor*) to be Inſcribed on the *Monument* at *London-Bridge*.

Obſervations

The Libeller *Rails ſtill: and let them* Rail;
Try how his Britiſh Morals *will prevail*
For his Deſpiſed Cauſe.---*For* Godfrey's Blood,
Oh! that the Truth *were fully underſtood!*
But Prance! *unhappy* Prance! *hath ſo much done,*
As (*not to* clear *it, yet*) *to* Quit *juſt* Rome.

THe *Libeller* tells us---*The New Moon in conjunction of* Saturn, *and Square of* Jupiter, *concerns* Germany, England, ('twere much if *England* ſhould be out.) *Denmark*, &c. *about ſuch Men and things as relate to Wars*, &c. *becauſe* Mars *in* Aquary *is in Trine of them all.*---What? in *Trine* of *Jupiter* too? you muſt lay your *lies* cloſer together, you'l be diſcover'd elſe. But he proceeds,---*The effect will be Treachery,---Practiced for Villanies ſake.* (as all Treachery is, ſure.) *It concerns the Kings of* Denmark *and* Portugal, *and Duke of* Brandenburg. And ſo it may, and yet never hurt them, unleſs *Trines* can be turn'd into *Aſpects* of *enmity*. ---Soon after he tells us,---*Of a noiſe about Peace and Reconciliation, and that the Aſpects of the Month incline to quietneſs.* Like the *Traveller* in the *Fable*, that could blow *Hot* and *Cold* in a *Breath*, &c. He hath Created *War* and *Peace* from the ſame *Cauſes*. For which his *Delphian* Cunning, let the *Satyr* be his *Cenſurer*.---He Concludes,---*Some Reverend Right-Lin'd Clergy-man receives conſiderable referment.* He diſtinguiſhes of the *Clergy*, as *Mathematicians* of their *Triangles*; makes ſome *Right-Lin'd*, ſome *Spherical*, &c. ---But now, ſuppoſe his *Right-Lin'd Clergy-man* ſhould prove *Spherical*; Or, what if no ſuch matter happen at all, as 'tis moſt likely; (for *Jupiter* makes no perfect Aſpect with any *Planet* in the whole Month, *præter Lunam.*) Why then the trifling *Libeller* hath loſt his *Jeſt*.

Obſer-

Here, Blaſphemy *and* Treaſon *arm his* Pen,
To ſtrike at God, *as well as ſcratch at* Men.
Behold an Atheiſts Impudence! *ſo great*,
He Counts both God, *and* Prieſthood *too*, *a* Cheat.
Take heed Curs'd Corah! *leaſt thy Mother Earth*
Do ſwallow *thee*, *as an* untimely Birth.

WE have often been told of *Popiſh Maſſacres*, *Black Bills*, *Spaniſh Pilgrimes*, &c. as if all the *wicked Plots* in the World were to be found among *atholicks*; and that the *Proteſtant aſſociating Party*, were the *Sheep* and *Doves* of Nature, the very *Pictures* of true *Innocence*! But the *Libeller* here proves to us, that thoſe pacifick *Umble Bees* have *ſtings*, and can ſhew them too for a need. For thus the *Bloody miſcreant* Writes,---

Never be bubbled *by a* Popiſh Lie,
Rather then that, Reſolve, Revenge, *and* Die.

And in his Epiſtle to Proteſtants.

Give not your Faith *up*, *nor yet* Tamely *Die*.

He hath elſewhere declaim'd againſt *Paſſive Obedience*, and here excites to *Reſolution*, *Revenge*, and not to *Die tamely*! what *Rombald*, *Ferguſon*, or impudent Incendiary of them all, could have vented more *Treaſon* in ſo little *Room*, to have animated a *Rebellion*.---*Reſolve*! you have been good at this before, as appears by the Teſtimonies, in the Hiſtory of the *Rye-Houſe* Conſpiracy againſt you; which your *Flight* and preſent *Malice* prove to be true.---*Revenge*! on whom? who hath done you wrong? not *tamely Die*! how comes your *Life* in Queſtion, unleſs you have forfeited it by your *Treaſons*? --Give not your *Faith* up! ---What *Faith* hath an *Atheiſt* to looſe? ---*Sir*, your *Conſcience* haunts you, and ever will, for your *Treaſonous* and *wicked contrivances* againſt your *King* and *Country*. 'Tis in that *Glaſs* you behold your *wicked Actions*, and thence proceeds your *Diſtracted Fears*.

There's little elſe in *November* worth minding; ſave that the *Libeller* makes the Planet *Mars* a *Don-Quixet*, and ſets him a *Fighting* by himſelf.

Obſer-

The Canting Varlet *thinks he hath done well*;
To Grin *at* God, *and 'gainſt his* King *Rebell*:
And, for to Menace *Gods true* Church *again*,
Raiſes his Rapture *to a higher ſtrain*:
And boldly boaſts *her certain* down-fall *here*;
When nothing like the Contrary's *more* clear.

FRom the laſt *New Moon* being in *Sagitary*, in *Square* of *Mars* in *Piſces*, and in *Conjunction* of *Mars* at the *Firſt Quarter*. The *Libeller* Predicts---*Perſecution for Religion, or ſome New Invention to puniſh people for difference in opinion from thoſe in Power; but whether it extend to life or leſſer pain, he cannot determine.* And therein he's wary.---But Sir! your *Art* teaches you that Perſecution proceeds not from particular *Lunations*, but *General Conſtitutions*. Conſult your *skill* again, and tell me, are not the two *Superiours* in *Cardinal Signes*? and is not *Saturn* in friendly Aſpect to the late *triple Conjunction* of *him*, and *Jupiter* in *Leo*?---I affirm, that in ſtead of the *Perſecution*, this Libeller threatens us with, that the *Actions* of this *Month*, and the laſt alſo, with ſome Months ſucceeding, will make for the *Honour* and *eaſe* of *Great Britain*, and the *Pious*, (yet Warlike) Ruler thereof. And this the *Libeller* might have known, had he conſider'd *Revolutions* and *Profections*, and compared them with the great *triple ruling Conjunction*. But I will not charge the *Libeller* as guilty of the knowledge of ſo much *Aſtrology*, as goes to the underſtanding of *Cardan's*---*Multiplicatio effectus Siderum Secreta*.---He ſays, *The ſquare of the Sun and Mars incline to down-right Murther*, &c. But this muſt needs prove *falſe*; The Planets ſquaring being govern'd by *Jupiter*, and neither of them in *Interficient* Decades, or Terms.

Thus have I done with the *Libellers monthly Predictions* and *Poetry*, (or *Ravings* rather,) full Fraught with *Falſhood*, *Treaſon*, and *Blaſphemy*; and of ſo *black* a *Die*, that all the Water between *Us* and *Holland* will never be able to *waſh* away.

THE *LIBELLERS* Lying Chronology EXAMINED.

Since Phocas Murther'd *his* Maſter, *and his* Children, } 1085.
got the Empire, *and then* Piouſly *ſet up the* Pope. }

AS if there had never been a *Pope* until the time of *Phocas*. An egregious, yet pleaſant falſhood! The Man ſure never ſaw *Platina*, or *Heylin*. ---But here the ſtory of *Phocas* out of *Fox*. ---"This *Phocas* comming up to be *Emperour*,--Thinking to "eſtabliſh his Empire with friendſhip and favour of his peo-"ple, and eſpecially with *Boniface* the Third, the *Biſhop of* "*Rome*, quickly condeſcended to all his *Petitions*, and ſo "granted him, (as it is ſaid (mark it!) to be, that he would) "the *Univerſal* and *Head Biſhop* over all *Chriſtian Churches*. So that you ſee *Phocas* did not *make* Boniface *Pope*, but *found* him ſo. Only, for quieting of differences between the *two* (then) contending *Intereſts*, he juſtly preſerv'd the *Title* of *Univerſal Biſhop* to the *See* of *Rome*. We wiſh that had been the worſt act of which *Phocas* had been guilty. He was, 'tis true, a *wicked Man*, and came to a *ſuitable* end. God is ever juſt.---But *Fox*, (ſo by Nature, as well as Name) as knowing the *falſhood* of his *Relation*, claps in the *Parentheſis*, (as it is ſaid) to *eſcape* by, in caſe of purſuit. For he knew well enough that the *Biſhop* of *Conſtantinople* did never diſpute the *Title* of *Univerſal Biſhop*, with the *Biſhop of Rome*. Neither did that *Title* begin (by *Phocas*) to be attributed to the *Pope*, but from the time of the Emperour *Marcian*; above an 150 years before *Phocas*, it had been *exhibited* to *Him* in the Council of *Chalcedon*. And, after that, under the Emperour *Juſtinian*: above 50 years before the time of *Phocas*,

Phocas, it had been given him in *Constantinople* it self. So that *Phocas* was as far from *Piously* setting up the *Pope*, as this *Libeller* is from setting out the *Truth*.--*Vide Fox, Vol.* 1. *p.* 155. and *Card. Perron's* Reply to *K. James* I, *lib.* 1. *cap.* 7.

The *Popish Powder Treason Nov.* 5. at which time all the *Protestant Nobility* and *Gentry* were to be *murder'd* in the *Parliament House*. } 82.

IF this were really a *Plot* of the *Papists* hatching, (we do not deny but there were some deluded *Catholicks* in it, and *suffer'd* for it,) it was the most *ridiculous* (next to *Oates's* Plot) that ever was heard of. For there was no manner of *Provision* made for *Security* of their own *Friends*. Besides, it was a *Catholick Lord*, (*viz.* the Lord *Mount-Eagle*) that *discover'd* it by a *Letter* sent to him. A great sign that all the Eminent *Catholicks* were not concern'd (except *passively*) in that *horrid Contrivance*. And had the *design* taken the pretended effect, the *Popish Powder* (as the *Libeller* idly terms it) could never have distinguish'd between *Catholicks* and *Protestants*: So that the *Popish Nobility* and *Gentry*, must have been *murther'd* also. But be it as it will, I will sing in *Consort* with the late Loyal Sir *George Wharton*.--

Twit Rome *no longer with the* Powder-Plot,
The Doctrine *is half* English, *and half* Scot.

The City of *London was* Burnt, *by* whom *'tis well known*. 21.

I wish it were! The *dreadful*, and never to be forgotten *Fire* of *London*, began *September* the 2, 1666. Many noises and rumours were spread concerning the *cause* thereof. Some, affirming the *Papists* did it. Others, the *Fanaticks*. Others, not sticking to say, it was the *King* himself. Whether will not *malice* read the *Rascality*?--If the *Papists* did it, they were the most *imprudent men* in the World; since as well their *Protection*, as *Riches*, and *Relations*, being in *London*, they must in such an *Action* labour'd the *Ruine* of themselves. If it were done by any *Power* then that of *Hea-*

ven, I have great reaſon to believe, that, not the *Papiſts*, but *Phanaticks* were the inſtruments. For in a *Gazet* of *April* 1666. I read, *That ſome of the Republican Party*, (as confeſſed by ſome of them, then *dying* for *Treaſon*.) *by conſulting* Lilly's *Almanack of that year, found* September *to be a month fit for their deſtructive and Rebellious purpoſes againſt the King and Government.*--Albeit, it ſeems clear to me (if I may not offend in ſaying ſo,) that had not the hand of *Heaven* moſt manifeſtly appear'd therein, ſo *vaſt* and *prodigious* a *Fire*, could never have happ'ned in ſo *ſhort a time*. I make no doubt but the good, (or rather bad) *wiſhes*, and perhaps, the *Actions* too, of ſome *enemies* to *King* and *Kingdom* might not be wanting. But that *Heaven* had a great hand in it, is very plain, to all reaſonable and conſidering Men. Seeing this *diſmal Accident* was preceded by a more then ordinary *dry Summer*, preparing the Houſes, *&c.* of that Glorious *City*, fit for the conſuming *Flames*; And at the very time of its commencement, and all the time of its continuance alſo, a mighty *Eaſt-Wind* prevail'd. So that neither the ſtately Structures of *Churches* and *Halls*, and other Sumptuous and Noble *Edifices*, were able to give a check, or oppoſition thereunto. But lo! at laſt, when as we may juſtly conceive its *Commiſſion* for *Deſtruction*, began to *expire*, the *Wind* changed, and the *Fire* ceas'd to *rage*, and ſtop'd even at *Paper Buildings*, as it were, or Houſes (otherwiſe) unable to oppoſe ſo mighty a *Devourer*. I am morally aſſured, that, had there not been *digitus Dei* in it, ſhould *Ten* ſeveral Perſons with Authority, have gone to *Ten* ſeveral equi-diſtant *Places* of that great *City*, on purpoſe to *deſtroy* it; They could never (without the aſſiſtance of ſuch a *Wind* and *Drought*) have ruin'd ſo many ſtately *Edifices*, and ſo many *Thouſand Houſes* in ſo ſhort a time.

Beſides, this dreadful Fire was long ſince Prophecy'd of by *Michael Noſtradamus*, and (to ſhew that all *Prophecies* are not to be ſlighted) the very *Time* and *Propinquate cauſe* thereof was expreſſed by him, as you may find, *Cent.* 2, *Stanz.* 51.

Le Sang du juſte a Londres ſera faut,
Bruſlez par feu, de vingt & trois les ſix, &c.

Which

Which may admit of this *Engliſh*.

For Blood *of th'* juſt *fair* London, Fire *ſhall* vex,
Which happen *will*, in the year *Sixty Six*, &c.

By the *Blood* of the *Juſt*, muſt be meant the *Blood* of that Bleſſed Martyr *King* CHARLES the I. who was barbarouſly *murther'd* at his own Door, *January* 30, 1648.--Nay, to add to this, I can truly affirm, That amazing *Accident* was *Predicted* in two *Almanacks*, wrote near a Twelve-Month before it happen'd; *viz. Trigg*, and *another*; in which later; the *Prediction* was expung'd by the *Licenſer*. But let any ſtupendious Accident whatſoever befall us, whether from *Heaven*, or by *men*, the *Libeller* is certain to Father all on the *Papiſts*. And, be ſure alſo, that he means the *Engliſh Papiſts*, the natural Subjects of the *King* of *England*. Whereas *Hubert*, (that died for the *Fact*) was a *Foreigner*, and a *French-man*. And 'tis eaſie to remember, that *England* and *France* were then in *Hoſtility*, they joyning the *Hollander* againſt us. Now, what an *enemy* doth, (in caſe *Hubert* did it, which the *Obſervator* proves not poſſible, by ſundry *Demonſtrative Reaſons.*) is not to be imputed to *Religion*, but to the *fewd* and *diſtance* between the *parties* concern'd.

The *Popiſh Maſſacre in Ireland*, where 300000 *Proteſtants* were *murder'd*, and this done by *Authority*. } 46.

THe *Libeller* had done well, if he had nam'd the *Authority*. If any Authority Commanded ſo *Barbarous* an Act, it muſt be either *lawful*, or *un-lawful*. If the *later*, all *good men* will *bewail* the *misfortune*, as much as the *Libeller*. For then it is *Vis*, not *Jus*. And *Force* and *Violence* may *effect* what *Law* or *Reaſon* will not *juſtifie*. But if the *Former*, I would fain know of the *Libeller* (when he hath conſulted his *Caſuiſts*) how Men acting under a *lawful* Authority, and not going beyond their *Commiſſion*, can be guilty of *murther*? And if they exceed their *Commiſſion*, they ceaſe to be *Sons* of a *lawful Authority*, and adopt themſelves *Heirs* of *violence*. Moreover, I require of him

him to poduce *one Commiſſion* from any *Lawful Authority* for the Proof of what he boldly thus aſſerts: wherein I doubt, he'll be as much to ſeek, as his Friend *Titus* was, to procure *one* of *Paulus de Oliva*'s *Commiſſions* for the ſupport of his *Damnable* PLOT. This piece of *Chronology* muſt paſs therefore for a *Horrid Scandal* upon all the Loyal Party in *Ireland*, and likewiſe upon the Sacred memory of that Pious Prince and Martyr, King *Charles* I. Moreover, I have read many of the Pamphlets of thoſe times, and all the Printed Papers that paſſed between the two Illuſtrious and thrice Noble Lords, *viz.* the Duke of *Ormond* his Grace, and the late Earl of *Angleſey*, as alſo the *Memoires* of the late Right Honourable Earl of *Caſtlehaven*, relating to the Troubles of *Ireland*, and find nothing in any of them to countenance what the *Libeller* maliciouſly ſuggeſts. This therefore I brand for a *Horrid Falſhood*; though I remember the *Mobilee* were then ſtrangely frighted with *Monſtrous Pictures*, as if all the *Ten Perſecutions* were there, and only there extant.

Sir Edumndbury Godfrey *was murder'd at* Somerſet-Houſe. } 9

GOd forbid that this ſhould be true, though *Bedloe* and others have *Sworn* it! The *Libeller* Prints this with as aſſured a Confidence, as if he had been *One* of the *murderers*; or, a *Sharer* in the 2000 *l.* which *Bedloe* has Sworn to be offer'd for carrying away the *Dead Body* Monſtrous Villain! that dares be ſo *poſitive* in a matter ſo *Obſcure*! the non-knowledge whereof is as much the Amazement of the World, as the non-diſcovery of the *Vizzarded Villains* who were on the *Scaffold*, *January* the 30*th.* 1648. when King *Charles* I. was *murder'd*.

It was an unhappineſs in a *greater*, and much more Learned *Perſon* than the *Libeller*, *viz.* He that *Preach'd* this unfortunate Gentleman's *Funeral Sermon*, (Oh! the *Witchcraft* of *Credulity*) as to lay the *murder* on the *Papiſts*; and this too, before any *Evidence* appear'd to juſtifie the *Fact*. The *Sermon* was Preach'd *October* the 31*ſt.* 1678. But

William

William Bedloe did not *accuse* himself publickly of that *Horrid murder*, untill *November* the 7. following. And 'tis well known, that *Miles Prance* came not in until *December* the 22. following.— As for *Bedloe*, I leave him to be dealt with by the *Righteous Judge* of Heaven and Earth Yet, may we reasonably be convinc'd, That *Pardon*, *Pension*, and *Money* in Hand, are very great *Temptations* to Men of no Conscience, and needy too. But for *Prance*, he hath own'd his *Perjury*, and been *punished* for it. And I wish that others concern'd in that Barbarous *murder*, would discover the *Truth* thereof, for their *Souls Health*, and *Satisfaction* of the *Deluded* World; and implore the *pardon* of *Heaven*, and that of His Gracious *Majesty*, for their concealment of so horrid a *Crime* so long, to the provoking of *Gods Judgements*, and pulling them down upon us. But though my *Gentleman* be so *positive* as to name the place, where, this *Villanous murder* was committed, yet could I never meet with any who would believe that a *Justice of Peace* should be *Decoy'd* down thither to part a couple of *Rude Fellows*, that were *Fighting* (forsooth !) at Nine a Clock at Night. If they had been *Fighting* in the *Justices Hall*, 'tis true, his *Authority* might have allay'd the *Fray*: but abroad, what could he do? How should he be acknowledg'd? Meer *Stories*.

That Pious Prince, Charles II. *died a* Roman Catholick, *and yet* Head *of the* Church *of* England. 2.

And yet *Head* of the *Church* of *England*! Yes, *Libeller*! this good *King* did *Die* a *Roman Catholick*, and yet *Head* of the Church of *England*. Why not? What have you to do with *Liberty of Conscience*, if you will not allow it your *Prince*? What Infamy is it to *Die* a *Roman Catholick*? The *Libeller* and the *Heard*, think their case *Desperate*: But what Learned man ever said so? Do they not rather say, even *They* of the Church of *England*, that *They* come nearer *Primitive Christianity* than the *Dessenters*? He *Died* a *Roman Catholick*! He knew what was best to do. But He *professt* it not all His *life*. Wretched *Traytors*! who Plotted against

against His *precious life*, even while he was not declar'd to the contrary. You know whereabout I am; the *Rye-House Conspiracy*, you *Varlet!* You were *One* that *Flatten'd* up and down in that *Black Design*. In the mean while the Church of *England* is beholding to you very much, who *Grind* your *Teeth* at the mention of It, as at your *Sovereign*. A *Viper* that hisses at all that are better then it self. Our present Pious *Monarch* lives a *Catholick*, (and long so *God* grant Him to *live*!) and yet *Head* of the Church of *England*. His Headship over the Church of *England*, is no more a *Bar* to His *living*, or *dying* a Member of the *Catholick Church*, (A *Church*, that built all the Famous *Churches* in *England*!) than His *Supremacy* over the *Presbyterian* and *Congregational Assemblies*, &c. All the People of *England* being *Equally* His *Subjects*, even as to their Religious Worship (if out of the Pale of the *Universal Church*,) and for the *practice* thereof, are accountable to Him as their *Sovereign*. But least this *Libeller* should not truly understand what the Church of *England* is! I refer him to a very Rational Discourse lately Published, Entituled, GOOD ADVICE, &c.

JAMES II. *took His* Coronation Oath, *and was Crowned* King *at* Westminster. § 2.

IT is very true, that this most Excellent and greatly *Suffering* Prince, as He was the *lawful Heir*, is now (by Gods wonderful Providence, Maugre the Malice of all *Exclusioners*) *Monarch* of *Great Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, &c. and as such, was Crowned at *Westminster*, on *April* the 23. 1685. And then, and there did take an *Oath*, called the *Coronation Oath*, as the *Libeller* intimates. What then? was it not of His own *Free Choice*? He was *King* of *England* without it. And, tho' it hath been *Customary* for the *Kings* of *England*, (I think since the time of King *Richard* I.) to take an *Oath* at their *Coronation*, it is not of irresistable *Obligation*; but *prudence* and *Humanity* that they do so. As Sir *R. Filmore* hath fully proved. *Kings* have their *Patents* from *Heaven*, not *Men*. They are Founded in the Law of *Nature* upon *Paternal Right*. The *Coronation* makes not

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the *King*, but only declares the *Sovereign*. 'Tis *Treason* to Act against the *King*, even before He is *Crown'd*. But this Sawcy *Rebel* intimates a *Violation* of that *Oath*. Wherein? In wishing *Well* to what he thinks *Right*, and to which that very *Oath* obliges? In maintaining the Church of *England*, *ſtatu quo*? In his *Diſpenſation* for *Liberty of Conſcience*? Let the People be Judge who enjoy the benefit of that *Indulgence*; when that your ſelf may come and hold forth, if you were not *Obnoxious* on other *Accounts*. In the mean while, now you talk of *Oaths*, and their *Violation*, but who regards the *Oath* that concerns them? the *Oath* of their *Allegiance*? This *Libeller*'s *Fled* to *Holland* for his *Allegiance*; Will you believe it?

Judge STREET. ——————————— } 1.
and----ooooooooooo---- *Treſilian*, &c,

HEre the *Libeller* accoſts us with a *Riddle* under pretence of a piece of *Chronology*. But we want not an *Oedipus* to unfold it. He ſeems by this *Ænigma* to menace *Eleven* of the *Twelve* Reverend *Judges* of the Nation. But *One* of them he hath mercy for; (impudent Varlet!) that I believe will ſcarce give him *Thanks* for his *Civility*. Howbeit, the other *Eleven*, underſtood by his *Eleven Cyphers*, muſt be *Treſilianiz'd*, (i. e.) in plain *Engliſh*, *Hang'd*. [The *Libeller* knows whoſe *Deſtiny* that is, if his *Nativity* belie him not.] How dares this *Fellow* thus preſume to *ſit* in *Judgement* upon the Learned and Loyal *Judges*! What have thoſe Reverend *Sages* done, as deſerves thus to be *Libel'd*? They all moſt happily draw in a *Yoak* together for the good of the King and Kingdom. That *One Worthy Perſon* he mentions, as well as the *other Eleven*. There are no *Diſſenters* among Them. 'Tis therefore a notorious boldneſs in the *Libeller* thus to *Divide* Them. As if *Eleven* of Them had agreed to do ſome *Horrid Act*, and that the other *One* ſhould oppoſe Them. A nefarious inſinuation! to make our Neighbour Nations believe there's a *Faction* amongſt our *Judges*: and that *Eleven* of them have *Forfeited* their *Lives* by going againſt the *Law*, and muſt therefore follow the *Fate* of *Treſilian*, &c.

As for Sir *Roberet Treſilian*, and the reſt of the *Judges* in the Reign of King *Richard* II. They came to be cenſur'd, not for their *Loyal Advice* to the *King*, but for giving him *Contradictory Advice*, and renouncing their firſt given Councel. *Adulation* in *Future advice* and Groſs *abuſes* of the *Commonalty*, were thoſe *Judges Crimes*. For it is Recorded in *Stow*, *Baker*, and others,--- That Sir *Robert Treſilian*, and the reſt of the *Judges*, had given the King *Councel* in his *Parliament*; and out of *Parliament* gave him *advice* quite contrary thereunto. Beſides, Judge *Treſilian* is Noted for a Man of more *Craft* and *Cruelty*, than *Juſtice* and *Integrity*; and that at his coming to *Coventry*, he *Indicted* no leſs than 2000 Perſons at once. An *action* ſufficient to *conſternate* the whole *Kingdom*. Nay, he was alſo in a *Conſpiracy* with the Duke of *Ireland*, Earl of *Suffolk*, &c. to deſtroy the Duke of *Gloceſter*, the *Kings Uncle*, and the moſt Powerful *Subject* of that Age. Thus the *Indignation* and *Fury*, not only of the *Commonalty*, but of the *Gentry* and *Nobility* likewiſe, came to be heightened againſt Sir *Robert Treſilian*, and the reſt of the *Judges* of thoſe days.

But, what is all this to the Reverend *Judges* of our Time? What have *They* done that looks *Parallel* to the Actions of *Treſilian*? with whom have *They* Conſpir'd? or againſt whom? What Countries have they injur'd? What *Single perſon* have *They* oppreſs'd? Or, wherein have *They contradicted Themſelves*, or given *double* Advice? Speak! Infamous *Libeller*! that *They* ſhould be thus *Menac'd* with *Treſilian*?

The King *could diſpence with the* Teſt, *and all* Laws.--- 1.

HEre we meet with a Reflective *Irony*, and Groſs *Falſehood* together. The *Libeller* firſt *Scoffs* at the King's *Diſpenſing* Power, and then tells us, 'tis but *One Year* ſince He could *diſpenſe* with *all Laws*.--- If the *King* had not a *diſpenſing* Power by virtue of His *Prerogative Royal*, the *Subject* were in a moſt unhappy *Deplorable condition*. As many of them muſt have ſadly experienc'd, even ſince His Majeſties *acceſs* to His *Throne*, who, by due form of Law muſt have periſhed, had not the *Royal Mercy* interpos'd for their

Safety

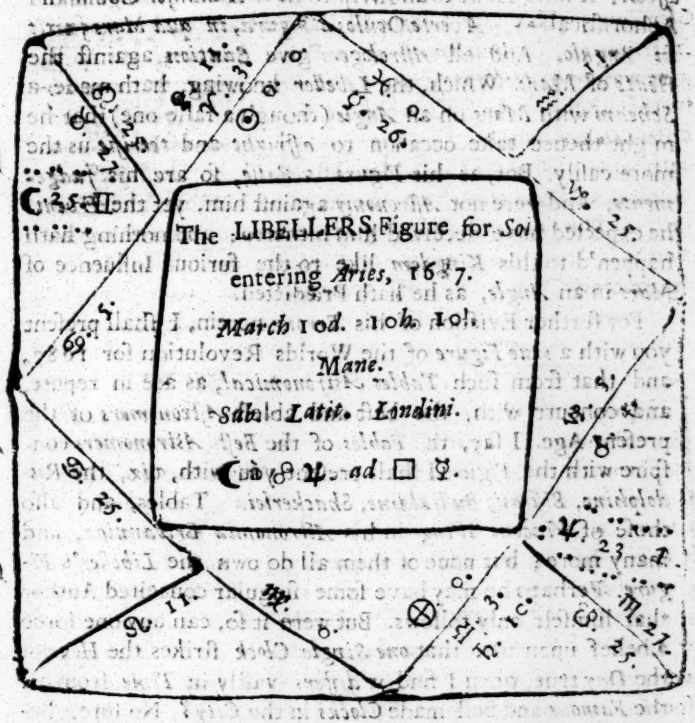
Safety. *Summum jus, Summa injuria.* The Laws are ſtrict; *Malice* of Enemies boundleſs; and many there are that delight to make a *Man* an *Offender* for a *Word*. The *Judge* and *Jury* go according to *Evidence*: and it is juſt they ſhould do ſo. But ſuppoſe the *Evidence* to be a *Plotting* Politician, whoſe *Tongue* is to be purchas'd by a *Bribe*; Or, what if he be a downright *Enemy*; He Swears for the *King*: The *Priſoner*'s Condemn'd, and (let him be never ſo Innocent) it is not in the Power of the *Judge* to Save him. We have had liberal *Demonſtration* hereof in *Otes*'s Reign. What think we now? What's fit to be done in ſo *hard* a Caſe? If the *King*, as Grand *Truſtee* of all His *Subjects Lives*, have not a *Diſpenſing* Power, Envy and Falſhood prevail, becauſe given in *Evidence*, *ſecundum Legem*, and an Honeſt Innocent *Subject* is Loſt. Certainly, in ſuch a *Caſe*, both *Reaſon* and *Religion* allow of a *Diſpenſing* Power in the *King*? Elſe He cannot be ſaid to be exactly like *God*, whoſe *Vicegerent* He is, as wanting Power to extend *Mercy* to contemper and mitigate his *Juſtice*. And in my Opinion, none, but Men of *Inhumane* Diſſloyal principles can any way grudge at it. Yea, but ſaith the *Libeller*, it is but *One Year* ſince the *King* could diſpenſe with the *TEST*, and *all Laws*.--- 'Tis the *TEST* you ſee, the *Libeller*'s in love with. The *TEST*! a *Trick* contriv'd by the *Aſſociating* Party, to *Exclude* the *Lawful Heir* to the *Crown*. And, well may we queſtion that Mans *Loyalty* to the *King*, that ſhall offer to *plead* for a continuance of the *TEST*, againſt His Majeſties Royal Inclination: That, and the *Covenant* of 1643. being both *deſign'd* for the *Ruine* of the *Engliſh Monarchy*.

But further, by the *Libellers* leave, the *Diſpenſing* Power is of more than *One Years* ſtanding: Or elſe the good Queen *Elizabeth* could never have exerciſed it; nor any of the *Engliſh Kings* before, or ſince her time; which that they *all did*, both *Law* and *Hiſtory* manifeſt. In caſes of Life the *King*'s *Diſpenſing* Power was never queſtion'd. And, the *Libeller*, when once the Law hath took hold of him for his *Treaſons*, &c. will be glad to *own* ſuch a *Prerogative*; as ſundry *perſons* of late *Years* have done, to their peculiar

Safety, and the *Eternal Honour* of His *Majesties Courage* and *Clemency*.--- Nay, our Learnedst Lawyers affirm, that not an *Information*, or *Indictment* upon Penal Statutes, but must give way to a *Nolle prosequi*, if the *King* please to move no further therein. And if it were not so, a *Subject* would usurp a *Priveledge* over his *Sovereign*, and make use of His *Name* without His leave (to sue in) for the *vexing* & *abusing* whom he pleases. Than the which, there can be nothing more *Unjust*, or *Unreasonable*; nothing more *absurd*, and *ridiculous*. And so I have done with the *Libellers* Scandalous Lying Chronology.

The Libellers *General Judgements brought to the* Test, *and found unable to abide the* Tryal *of true* Art.

IN good time we are arrived at the *Libellers General Judgments* wherein we shall *meet* with as much *Loyalty*, *Truth* and *candour*, as in the *Former*. He professes to build his *Predictions* upon the *Vernal Ingress* of the Year; (a weak foundation, when not supported by other more weighty Arguments.) But for want of room (he says) he forbears to insert the *Scheam* thereof. I will therefore do it for him, and shew him the Falseness thereof, and *convince* him of his persisting to abuse his *King* and *Countrey* under pretence of *Astrology*; whereas from the true *Ingress*, and other *causes*, *Astrology* speaks *Good* to both, and *confusion* to their *Enemies*. The *Libeller*, (though at *Amsterdam*) gives us the time of the *Suns Ingress* into *Aries* for *London* 1687. which is with him on *March* the 10*th*. day, at 10. Hours, 10 Minuits, *A. M.* the Figure's thus.



Behold the *Craft* of the *Libeller*! He makes use of a *Figure* from whence to draw his *Judgements* against his *King* and *Countrey*, that none of the *Tables* made by the Principal Masters in *Astronomy* will own. And thence he threatens the *King*'s *Sacred Life*, and the *Kingdoms Ruine*, overturning of the *Government*, *Wars*, &c. and all this, and more, from a poor single *Ingress* of the *Sun* into *Aries*. But, alas! Doth not every *Puny Astrologer* know, that *Vernal Figures*, without consideration had to the Ruling *Conjunctions* and *Aspects* of the *Stars* at that time, are of very small or no *Efficacy*, from whence to Predict *Futurities*.

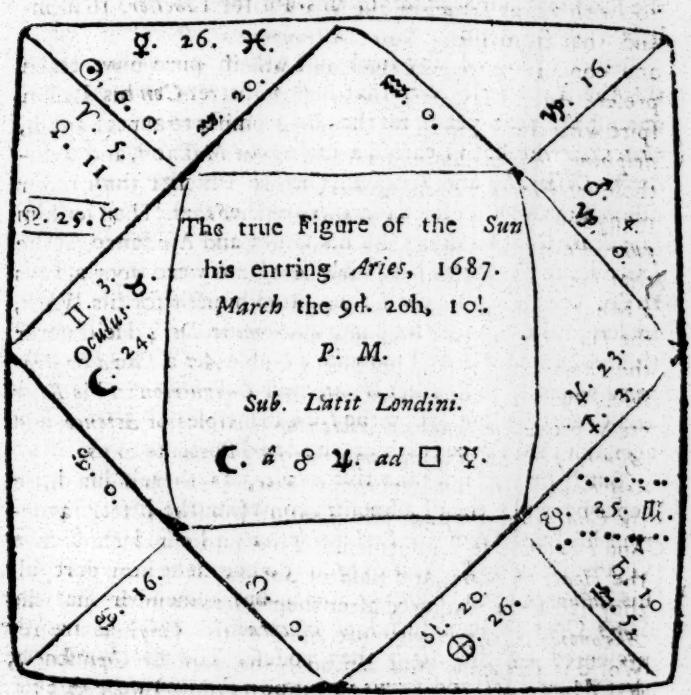
I allow it for a *Truth*, that *Mars* in an *Angle* is *per se*, of violent signification, and is commonly attended with *rugged effects*.

effects. It is no News to an *Artist* to hear *Almansor* Command Aphoristically. - - *Averte Oculos à Figura, in qua Mars fuerit in Angulo.* And all *Astrologers* give *Caution* against the *Heats* of *Mars*. Which, the *Libeller* knowing, hath made a *Scheam* with *Mars* on an *Angle* (though a false one) that he might thence take occasion to *affright* and *terrifie* us the more easily. But, as his *Figure* is *False*, so are his *Judgements*. And were not *Astronomy* against him, yet the *Events* he expected have deceived him hitherto; and nothing hath happen'd to this *Kingdom* like to the furious Influence of *Mars* in an *Angle*, as he hath Prædicted.

For further Eviction of his *Errour* herein, I shall present you with a *true Figure* of the Worlds Revolution for 1687, and that from such *Tables Astronomical*, as are in repute, and concurr with, the best and ablest *Astronomers* of the present Age. I say, the *Tables* of the *Best Astronomers* conspire with the *Figure* I shall present you with, *viz.*, the *Rudolphine*, *Billian*, *Bullialdine*, *Shackerleian* Tables, and also those of *Vincent Wing* in his *Astronomia Britannica*, and many more; but none of them all do own the *Libeller*'s *Figure*. Perhaps he may have some singular conceited Author that himself only follows. But were it so, can any one force a belief upon me, that *one Single Clock* strikes the *Hour* of the *Day* true, when I find it *differs* vastly in *Time* from all the *Famous* and best made *Clocks* in the *City*? No sure. Besides, I will tell the *Libeller*, that the certainty of *Events* do truly prove the *Truth* of *Astronomy*; and that there was an *Astrology* in the World, long before *Astronomy* came to any degree of Perfection; (perhaps before it was thought of,) as the *Chaldean*, *Persian*, and *Jewish* Philosophy fully prove. And *Reason* it self informs us, That had not Men first felt the *Heats* of *Mars*, and *Cold* of *Saturn*, it is very probable, they had never enquired after their *Motions* in the Heavens. *Astronomy* is therefore more oblig'd to *Astrology* than the World is aware of. And although the popular Opinion be, that *Astronomy* is the *Elder* Sister, (allowing *Uraniah* to have Twins) yet it is really the *Younger*; and *Astrology* hath the right of *Primo-geniture*. And so I come to give you the *true Figure* from the *British Tables*, thus.---- *Tem-*

Tempus Datum, Ma. 9d. 20h. 15′. *P. M.* 1687.	*Longit. Solis,* S. d. ′. ″.	*Apog. Solis.* S. d ′ ″.
Longit. Med. Solis.	11. 27. 58. 29.	3. 6. 57. 6.
Apogæo Solis.	3. 6. 57. 6.	
Anomalia Solis, Προσθαφαιρεσις	8. 21. 1. 23.	
	2. 1. 31.	
Verus locus Solis.	0. 0. 0. 0.	*in* ♈. *od.* 0′. 0″.

And to this time, the Figure *of Heaven in the* Meridian *of* London, *the* Metropolis *of* England, *is as followeth.*



Here we have a *Vernal Scheam* of 1687. that somewhat resembles the happy Peaceable Actions of the Year. *Jupiter,* the

the most Benevolent Planet in the Heavens, is in the *Seventh Angle*, (the place of *Discord*, *Controversy*, &c.) there posited as a *Constable* upon his *Watch*, keeping the Peace; or rather, as a good *Christian Arbitrator*, Uniting Persons or Kingdoms at Odds, and preventing any *New* Animosities to break forth. So far is he from giving any notice of *Wars*, or *Controversies* to happen, as the *Libeller* had assigned us from *Mars* on the *Seventh* in his false *Figure*. And yet we have *Mars* in *Quadrate* of the *Sun* and *Saturn*, &c. though in parts of Heaven less powerful to do mischief, then they were placed in the *Libellers* Scheam. — Why, what a sad place is *Holland*, that cannot afford *one Astrologer* able to Correct the *Falshoods* and *Scandals* of this Pitiful *Libeller*, that inhabits among them.

Before I proceed any further, I will in pure pity, teach this *Libeller* a little *Art*, that he may better *Con* his Lesson against the next year; for then he promises to appear again, *viz.* After he hath Learn'd a little *good Manners*, and abandon'd *Disloyalty* and *Treason*; (before which I shall never allow him to set up for a *Secretary* of the *Stars*.) Then let him *supplicate* God Almighty for his Grace and Assistance, in the Discovery of *Truth*, as the Noble *Arabians* were wont always to do. And when he hath thus fitted himself for his Work, making his entrance thereunto *In Nomine Dei*; He'll never think it just and honest to make a Noble *Art* a *Bawd* or *Property* whereby to Prædict *Wars*, and *Destruction* to his *King* and *Country*; but follow the *true* Principles of *Science*, and acquaint us with the truth of the *Stars* Portents to us.

But if he will not take this *advice*, as there's but little hopes he will; then I admonish him (for the better favouring his hard favour'd *Presages*,) that if he find *Mars* in a Quadrupedan or *Beastial Sign*, he do not make him dart all his *Influence* upon *Humane* kind; but remember that the *Stars* Operate upon such kind of *creatures* only, as are represented by the *Signs* they possess. The *Libeller* knew, that *Mars*, *Sol*, and *Venus* (in this own Figure) were not located in *Humane Signs*, and therefore could not Influence *Men* with any remarkable *Violence* in this Revolution —

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The Superiour Planet *Saturn* ('tis true) is in a *Humane* Sign: But, Sir, he is not an *Enemy*, but a *Friend* both to the *King* and *Commonalty*, forasmuch as he irradiates both *Medium Cæli*; and the *Horoſcope*, with an Amicable Aſpect; and delights and rejoyces in both places, as being Eminently Dignified in them, He cannot therefore countenance any of the *Diſmal Præſages* which the *Libeller* hath *Falſly* ſcatter'd among us. Nay, to our Comfort, and the *Libellers* Shame, we ſee the *Year* near three parts expir'd, and *Nothing* hitherto of his *Prædictions* have come to paſs; nor is there any doubt but that they'l be anſwer'd with the ſame *ſucceſs* in the remaining Quarter.

But now enter Libeller.

"*This Poſition* (meaning his own falſe Figure,) *taken in* "*general, is violent and pernicious; for it ſhews the* "*Clergy and Commonalty of* England *to be at variance, and* "*to look on each other with an ill aſpect; and to ſay the* "*Truth, the People cannot well have a good opinion of them;* "*for it was They that pull'd in* Popery *by preaching up that* "*curſed Doctrine of paſſive Obedience.*

The *Caitiff* cannot breath out a *Prædiction* without ſomething of the *Incendiary* and *Traytor*.— He knows the true Figure of the Ingreſs of *Sol* in *Aries* 1687. owns nothing of all this Scurrilous Treaſonable *Menace*. Let us examine it a little, and that by *Authority*; a way the *Libeller* ſcorns to make uſe of. Indeed, *Authors* are againſt him. Here *Haly*:- *Si* Jupiter *fuerit in ſeptima domo fortunatus*, (as he muſt needs be when in *Sagitary*) *gaudebunt homines mulieribus, & mulieres hominibus*, &c. (i e.) When the Benevolent Planet *Jupiter* in a Revolutional Figure of the World, ſhall be fortunately placed in the *Seventh Angle*, Men and Women in that Revolution ſhall rejoyce promiſcuouſly together, and there ſhall be much *Peace* and *Quiet* among them. No Plotting and Contriving to do miſchief can then take any effect: The Stars (*ſub Deo*) renders the *Malice* of Enemies fruſtrate. Nay, *Jupiter* ſo located— *Significat multum bonum in anni medietate, & meliorem ſucceſſum in arboribus & fructus multos.* He ſignifies much good to Humane kind to-

ward the middle of the Revolution, chiefly, (the *Seventh Angle* divides the Circle with the Horoſcope,) and that the Honeſt *Husband-man*, or *Farmer*, ſhall have better ſucceſs in his *Gardens*, *Orchards*, and in his Setting and Planting, than in former years, and that they ſhall yield him abundance of *Fruit*, &c. rewarding of his Sweat and pains, to his great Content and Satisfaction.

Let now Experience be Judge! When ever had we a more *Peaceable*, *calm*, and *Quiet Year*! When were we bleſs'd with greater *Plenty* of *Fruit* and *Herbage*? as if it were an Earneſt of the favour of Heaven, in removing from us the *Meagre-Sower* effects which the late *terrible Froſt* had left behind it. When had we fewer *Law Suits* in a year? Or, when, in *Term time*, was *Weſtminſter-Hall* ever leſs throng'd? And is not all this parallel to the Poſition of *Jupiter* in the *Seventh Angle*?

But we have not only *Jupiter* in the Seventh Angle, but the *Moon* in the *Horoſcope*; (and the *Moon*, we know, is to be valued as more than half the *Figure*, ſhe being the Conveigher of all the other *Planets* Influences to us.) When *God Almighty* graciouſly vouchſafes to befriend either *Nations* or *Perſons*, He is pleas'd to ſuit Natural Cauſes thereunto accordingly! 'Tis not in every *Mundane Figure* we have *Jupiter* in the Seventh, or the *Moon* in the *Horoſcope*, 'Tis his great Mercy to our undeſerving *Nation*, we find them ſo now.---- The *Moon* in the *Horoſcope*, being in a *Humane Sign*, denotes much happineſs and ſucceſs to *Men*, and not *Wars* and *Confuſions*, as the *Libeller* talks of; nor yet *Quarrels* between the *Clergy* and *Commonalty*, about pulling in *Popery*, by their Preaching up *Paſſive Obedience*, of which, more anon.---- What ſays our Noble *Arabian* thereunto? *Quando Luna eſt in Aſcendente, ſignificat proſperitatem & Salvationem Populi in ſuis corporibus, & in omnibus membris ſuis.* When the *Moon* ſhall be ſituate in the *aſcendant*, (chiefly in a *Humane* Sign) much Proſperity and Felicity is portended to the *People* generally in that year, Security to their Eſtates, Health to their Perſons, and that they ſhall be vigorous and ſtrong in all parts, ſound and free from any Malignant Diſtempers.

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Let any ſober obſerving *Artiſt*, or Other, tell me--- Whether this Judgement be not true in every part of it. Hath it not been a *Gentle* and *Proſperous* year with us hitherto? have we not enjoy'd *Peace* and *Plenty* in all things? Nay, in the thing that is moſt dear to us, I mean, *a quiet Enjoyment of Peace of Conſcience in our Religious Worſhip?* And as to Corporal Health, we have been wonderfully bleſſed therewith hitherto. When was it known, that the *City* hath had more People in it, and that the *Bills* of *Mortality* have been ſo *moderate*?--- All proving againſt the *Libeller*, that his Figure and Judgements too, are notoriouſly Falſe.

The *Libeller* goes on threat'ning,--- *page* 2. Mercury *un-* " *der the* Sun *Beams brings the Curſe of Diſeaſes*, &c. But I tell him, that *Mercury* (even by his own Figure) hath nothing to do with *Diſeaſes*. He might, (indeed) (had his Figure been true) have a hand in the *Cure* of *Diſeaſes*, but not in the *Cauſe* of them. This malicious *Triſter* underſtands not the very firſt *Principles* of *Aſtrology*, but makes a *Blundering* with what comes uppermoſt, without either *Reaſon* or *Authority*. I deſire him for time to come, to remember, that the *Sixth* is *Domus Infirmitatum*, and that the *Tenth* is *Domus Medicinæ*, and not think to *Pawn* and *Shuffle* ſuch apparent *Falſhoods* upon the World for *Truth*: As if every Man that read him, underſtood nothing of the Significations, or Diſtinctions of the *Twelve Angles* of Heaven.

But the *Libeller* ſeems to lay the weight of his Forged Falſe Prædictions upon the *Moons* being in oppoſition to *Jupiter*, ſaying;--- " *The* Moon, *if you conſider her Latitude, is not* " *full twenty one Degrees in* Gemini, *and applying to an Oppoſition of Jupiter*.--- And thence it is he hath preſumed to ſet the *Clergy* and *Commonalty* together by the *Ears*, for their Preaching up the Doctrine of *Paſſive Obedience*, and bringing in *Popery*. But that *Aſpect* (the ſame in his Falſe, as well as in the True Figure) is wholly againſt him, and gives him no countenance at all; for Reaſons I have given in my Examen of his *Monthly Errours*. And, although I have neither *Time* nor *Room*, to cite Authors at large for his Conviction; (as in truth it needs not) yet, I'll Summon *Haly* in this Point, *viz.*

If the *Moon* shall (in any Revolution) apply *ad oppositum Jovis, significat placita & verba in lege & ejus Scientia*, &c. And now let the *Libeller* tell me, whether this Oppositions Influence, looks like a difference between the *Clergy* and *Commonalty* for their pulling in of *Popery*, by their Preaching the *accursed Doctrine* of *Passive Obedience*. As he *accursedly* calls it.--- But, have the *English Clergy* pull'd in *Popery* in earnest? Are they the *Friends* to it as this Man asserts? Is it really *Settled* yet among us? Let the *Libeller* reckon again, and calmly, and he'll find for one *Catholick Chappel*, an hundred *Conventicles*. He need not therefore make *Popery* the *Bugbear* wherewith to affright the *Nation*. The *Libeller*'s angry, that the poor *Catholicks*, (after their having been *Harass'd, Imprison'd, Plunder'd*, by such as *Waller* and his *Crew*; and suffer'd so miserably in their *Lives, Liberties*, and *Estates*; yea so severely, that had they dwelt among *Turks*, they could scarce have been worse used,) should partake at all of His *Majesties* Universal *Favour* to His *Subjects*; forgetting it seems, that they are *English-men*, as much as any of the other *Dissenters*.

But alas! I do not so much wonder that this *Uncharitable* Wretch, (like another *Julian Johnson*) doth *Storm* and *Rail* at the Doctrine of *Passive Obedience* (he being, as he thinks, safe at *Amsterdam*,) when I find some of far greater Learning and Breadth in the World, (pretended *Advocates* for the Doctrine!) to declaim as Zealously against it. Pray here *One* of them, for All, in an *Address* to *Julian*, viz. "*Be it known* "*to Mr.* J. (i.e. *Mr.* Johnson) *that many of those who have* "*Thunder'd so much of late with the* Theban Legion, *would* "*rather think it their Duty, than any breach of it to tell, not* "*only a* Popish Prince, *but a* Popish King *to His Face, did He* "*openly profess the* Popish Religion, *that He was an Idolater,* "*a Bread-Worshipper, a Goddess-worshipper, an Image-wor-* "*shipper, a Wafer-worshipper*, &c. *Jovian* p. 96.

Here's the Doctrine of *Passive Obedience* made out with a witness! What greater *Affront* can be offer'd to *God*? to *Religion*? to the *King*? Is all our pretence and claim to the right of *Primo-geniture* in *Loyalty*, come to this? Is to *Rail*,

and

and *Resist*, become the Doctrine of *Nonresistance*? Is *passive Obedience* turn'd into the *Bearding* and *Upbraiding* of *Kings*? Heaven help us! Where are we?— My *Province* is not *Divinity*, and therefore I forbear. But this Authors *Theology*, and the Libellers *Astrology*, are of a stamp both for *Religion*, *Art*, and *Loyalty*.

To return to our *Libeller* again, for 'tis He I have chiefly to do with. In *page* 2. he Prædicts,— "*The People of* "*that Nation* (England) *shall again take Courage, and Re-* "*lease themselves from the Oppressions they now labour under,* "*and this in a few Months; for it doth not reach unto Years.* And this Judgement he derives from the *Square* of *Jupiter* and *Mercury*. "*who*, (says he) *are the two Stars that Perse-* "*cute the King and Government.* Mercury *is under* the Sun- "Beams, *which shews the Curse of Diseases. and* Jupiter *is* "*in a Zodaical Parallel with* Mars, *which shews want of Mo-* "*ney, and also Danger of Death. These plainly shew a Ca-* "*tastrophy approaching, and that there will be a change in* "*that Kingdom and Government also, and this in a short* "*time.*

Thus far this daring *Incendiary*, with design to Buoy up the sinking hopes of *Rebels* and *Traytors*, in expectation of the *Ruine* of the *Kingdom* and *Government* to be near at hand, *viz.* in a *few Months, for it doth not reach unto Years*; he says. But to manifest this to be a very vain and feigned encouragement to his *own Party*, (who I wish no longer to credit his *Falshoods*, but return to their *Obedience*,) the very Configuration upon which he builds all this *Treasonous Trash*, (which is the *Quadrate* of *Jupiter* and *Mercury*,) is of a quite opposite signification. Once more hear *Haly*,— If *Jupiter* and *Mercury* shall (in any Mundane Revolution) be in a *Quadrate* Aspect of each other, and that this Aspect shall happen from the *Tenth Angle*, (as it doth in his own false Figure,) *Significat quod Reges diligent multum scire & perquirere Scientias, & amabunt libros*, &c. Such a Position and Aspect (saith he) denotes that *Kings* and *Princes* shall desire to know and read much, and diligently enquire into *Arts* and *Sciences*, that They shall be in love with *Books*, and will greatly

greatly incline to *Learning*, and to be acquainted with the *Myſteries* of ſundry curious Subtilties, the Secrets of Wiſdom, and the like.

This ſhould honeſtly have been his Judgement from his own falſe Figure: Of which the *Libeller* was either Ignorant, or elſe had no mind his own Friends (with whom he baſely prevaricates) ſhould know the truth of things.

But now, in the *true* Vernal Scheam, we meet with a much better ſignification of this *Aſpect*: For therein we find *Mercury* in the Ἀγαθοδαίμων, the Angle of *Friendſhip*, *Aſſiſtance*, and of the *Good Spirit*; and there, being in *Quadrate* of *Jupiter*, *Aſtrologers* tell us, he ſignifies-- *Quod Rex vocabitur ad ſe ſapientes, & ornabit eos.* This Excellent *Aſpect* gives us great hopes of much happineſs to attend the Kingdom of *Great Britain*, and the *King* or *Governour* thereof, and ſeems to intimate (*ſub Deo*) that His *Majeſty* will call unto Himſelf the Aſſiſtance, Aid, & Adviſe of the moſt Wiſe and Learned *Men* both in *Church* and *State*, and will Heap, or Confer Honours and Priviledges upon them according to their Capacity, Dignity, or Merit. It is of ſo Favourable an Influence to theſe Nations, (conſidering the *Moon* in *Gemini*, in *Trine* of the Eleventh Angle, and Aſpect of *Jupiter* and *Mercury*, as before) that if it ſhall pleaſe God to incline His Sacred Majeſty to call a *Parliament*, (His great Council of the Realm!) It may prove a moſt Happy and Healing Aſſembly to both the *King* and *People*, ſuch a *Parliament*, whoſe great Wiſdom may be made uſe of to Settle theſe Kingdoms in a fixed Condition of Proſperity, Peace, and Plenty, to the wonder of after Ages; and which we hope will conſider of, and adviſe the Enacting of ſuch Proviſional Laws for a continuance thereof, as ſhall make for the *Kings Honour*, and for the *Terreur* of His and the Kingdoms *Enemies*; and alſo be able to reach all wicked *Traytors* and *Libellers*, tho' lurking in *Holes* beyond the *Seas*, thence tranſmitting their *Treaſonous* and *Blaſphemous* Papers hither to do miſchief.

Theſe are the Natural ſignifications of that *Quadrate Aſpect*, upon which the Traducer excites his Native Coun-

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trey to a *Rebellion*, by telling them--- *They ſhall again take Courage, and Releaſe themſelves*,--- Ha! Take Courage? Againſt whom?--- Releaſe themſelves! from what? The *Libeller*, would have been a happy Man, no doubt, had he lived in *Cromwels*, the Uſurpers *time*. For then was *Aſtrology* made a *Pander* and *Property* to every *Treaſonous purpoſe* in the World: *Art* was wreſted, Judgement from the Stars *Forged*; and all to encourage *Rebels* on the one hand, and terrifie *Loyal Perſons* on the other. The Knaviſh Republicans, then, as now, making it the Burden of their *Song*, to open againſt *Monarchy*. Take Courage! Releaſe your ſelves! He tells you plainly againſt whom, and from what? if you dare take his word, in his Treaſonable Verſes to the Honeſt *Proteſtants*, thus,---

The Sun *will Riſe, the* Actors *fill the* Stage,
And One and Twenty Months *is not an Age*.

Again.

Now Hangs *your* Freedom *on each* Villains *Sword*,
Cheated *your Selves, taking your* Princes *Word*.

And in his Farewel he ſays,

A Commonwealth's *the thing that* Kingdoms *want*.

The *Libeller* can't be thought here to ſpeak in *Riddles*, like the Devil of *Delphos*. But will he ſay he deduces theſe Ryming *Scandals* from the Heavens too? I would have him, or any of the Rebellious Tribe he belongs to, ſet Spleen and Rancour aſide, and ſoberly ask the *Nation*,--- Whether it ever enjoy'd a more *Free, Tranquile*, and *Peaceable* time, than ſince His preſent *Sacred Majeſties* acceſs to the *Throne* of His *Anceſtors*? (abating *Monmouths* Rebellion.) Does not every Man ſit under his own *Vine*, and Eat the Fruit of his own *Fig-tree*, or Labour without diſturbance? Do we not enjoy both *Life* (and its Comforts) *Liberty* and *Property*, in a far greater meaſure than in any Age preceding? We are not annoy'd with *Informers* or *Catch-poles*, or with vexatious *Suits* or *Indictments* for our *Religion*. We have no *Taxes* to burden us. No Man permitted to do us wrong. The Law is preſerved in its juſt *Current* (its rigour only abated; and is there any harm in that?) and *awards* to every one his *Right*

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What is it that he would have Men take *Courage* againſt? What is it (I ſay) this *Libeller* would be *Releaſed* from? When they groan under *no Oppreſſion* at all; Are *Burthen'd* with nothing; except with an *Exceſs* of *Eaſe* and *Plenty*.

Oh! *Engliſh-men*! ye know not the *happineſs* you enjoy under a Lawful and *Religious Monarch*! *Holland* it ſelf (the place that protects this *Libeller*) is, in compariſon of *England*, a *Hell* to the *Subject*; where he cannot ſo much as wear a *pair of Shooes*, or eat an *Herring*, before they be *nine times Excis'd*. As the Ingeniouſly Learned Sir *George Pudſey* moſt truly and wiſely obſerv'd in his *Speech* at *Oxford*, upon his being admitted the worthy *Recorder* of that *City*. Whereas We of this *Nation*, like the *Jews* with *Quails* in our mouths, invoke the Wrath of God by *Railing* againſt His Majeſty and His Government. We have *Surfeited* of *Freedom*, and like *Jeſurun*, being waxed Fat, are ever ready, not only to *Diſobey*, but *Kick* at our *Superiours*.

But the *Libeller* hath ſtudied the *Caſe* more fully, and as *boldly* as plainly, tells us, what we are *defective* in, *viz.*

A *Commonwealth*'s the thing that *Kingdoms* want.

I believe, the *Libeller* would, (*non obſtante* this Bravado) give all the *Shooes* in his Shop to be at home quietly again, and be *acquit* of his *Commonwealth*.-- But he ſhapes well, to make us believe the contrary; and gives his Brethren hopes of a *Change* in *England*; and *page* 4. thus Salutes us.---- "England *ſeems to be pointed at in particular, as you* "*may eaſily ſee, if you do but conſider* Aries *as* Englands "*Horoſcope, and* Gemini *as* Londons. *And thus will there be* "*turning, and overturning, till the Great turn comes.* Quod faxit Deus,

Incarnate Devil! to invoke God to haſten a *Rebellion* which himſelf (without ground in Art) *prædicts*. What if *Aries* be the *Horoſcope* of *England*? It is not ſo particularly at this time. But, what if it were? Is not *Venus* in it? Doth not *England* diſpoſe of its *Enemies Significator*, and (by his own words) *afflict* her too? And, what if *Gemini* be *Londons* Horoſcope at large? Is not the *Franchiſes* and *Liberties* thereof ſeized into the *Kings Hands*? You know for what, *Libeller*.

ler! And a particular *Horoſcope* of that Famous *City*, no Man can know until His Majeſty of His Grace give them a New *Charter*, which (finding the *Moon* in *Gemini*) I hope the Noble *Senators* thereof, by their *Grave*, *Prudent*, and *Obedient Actions* and Demeanours towards their *Sovereign Lord*, will incline His *Majeſty* the ſooner to take it into His Princely Conſideration.

But, how comes the *Libeller* to be now ſo zealous for a *Commonwealth*? When, not long ſince, he contended as earneſtly for *Monarchy*, provided the unhappy *Monmouth* had been the *Man*. But poſſibly he deems an *Illegitimate* Monarch, and a *Commonwealth* Synonyma's. No matter which to him, ſo a *Change* come, that he may get by the *Largain*. Any thing but the *Legal Heir* will pleaſe his Pallate.--- And, herein the *Libeller* Eccho's to a couple of *Engliſh* Miſcreants, calling themſelves *Aſtrologers* alſo, who have *Printed* nearly the like *Scandalous* and *Treaſonable Stuff*, ſome years ſince, under pretence of *Predictions*. *vid. Holwel's Cataſtrophe mundi*, page 61. And *Kirby's Aſtrological Prophet*, page 29.

But this Ternary of *Knaves* and *Impoſtors* have all liv'd to ſee themſelves miſtaken, by a Lawful *Monarch*'s taking place againſt their long-hop'd-for *Commonwealth*. Nay, I dare aſſure the *Libeller*, and all that thirſt for a *Democratical change*, that the *Stars* are againſt them; and (if they be not willfully blind) they may plainly ſee, that *God*, (who is greater than the *Stars*,) is alſo againſt them too; and they will be all moſt miſerably deceived and deluded in their Expectation thereof. Alas! A *Commonwealth*, (that is a *Body* with no *Head*, or with many *Heads*) will not go down here. This *Nation*, Mad as it hath been (and the *Libeller* wiſhes it ſo again,) hath *try'd*, not only this *Experiment*, but all other *Governments*, and diſreliſh'd them all, but *Monarchy*. It hath had *Preſidials*, *Vicegerents*, *Lieutenant Generals*, *Parliaments*, a *Free-State*, *Protectors*, *Major-Generals*, *Committee of Safety*, &c. But how uncouth, uneaſy, and diſguſtful *All* of them have been to the three *Nations*, let the whole World about us *Judge*; who have with wonder and amazement beheld

our *Confuſions*. All which *mutations* plainly tell us, that nothing can *agree* to the Honour and Government of theſe *Regal Nations*, but a *Legal* Crowned Head.

Britannia ab initio mundi ſemper fuit Regia, & Regimen illius ſimile ille Cœlorum, (ſaith one.) Great *Britain* from the beginning of the World hath been *Kingly*, and her *Government* like to that of the *Heavens*. It is impoſſible (I ſay) therefore, that ſhe can remain long in *Peace* and *Quiet* under any other *Power*. And, what if I ſhould tell you that *Ptolemy* (that great Maſter of *Aſtrology*) hath plac'd *England* under *Aries*, a *Kingly Sign*, and the very firſt of the *Fiery Trigon*, as well as of the *Zodiack*. A Sign, wherein the *Sun* (the true repreſenter of *Kings*) receives his *Exaltation*. As if it had been the *Decree* of the *King* of *Kings* (according to the Order of the *Stars*) that nothing but a *Monarchy* ſhould be ſuitable to this Kingly *Nation*.

I wonder how any Man endu'd with *Reaſon*, can plead for a *Commonwealth*? If he conſider his *Creation*, that, as he is a μικρόκοσμος, or a *little World*, and had but *One Head* aſſign'd him, therein made in the *Image* of Him who is *Lord* of the *Univerſe*, he cannot poſſibly but own a *Monarchy* before all other Powers. If *God* had intended a *Man* ſhould have been in *Love* with a *Commonwealth*, he would have Created him with a *Head* on each *Shoulder*, as well as with what he did make him, which renders him of *Form* and *Figure* pleaſant and graceful; whereas the *other* had been to have made him in the *Image* of *Cerberus*, and not of that *Wiſe* and *perfect Being* whoſe ſhadow he truly is. If *Government* therefore, like the *Body Natural*, ſhould have *many Heads*, 'tis a *Monſter*, and we know it ever bodes *Ill*.

And, will not a dear-bought *Experience* convince us of this *Groſs Errour* yet? And when we have *paid* ſo fully for our Knowledge? Is there any need of more *Suns* than one in a *Day*? Or of more *Moons* than one in a *Night*? Or of one *King* in a *Kingdom*? I cannot but think that Man out of his wits (ſaith one) that would affirm a poſitive neceſſity of any more. Hath not *England* been *Fleec'd* for its *Wantonneſs* and *Wickedneſs*? We thirſted after *Change* in 1641. we obtain'd

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it. But what got we by it? *Ruine* and *Deſtruction*. And that will be our *Portion* again, in caſe we ſhould turn *Wanton* again. Hath not this Glorious *Nation*, firſt by *oppoſing*, and afterwards *murdering* the beſt of *Kings*, been turn'd into an *Aceldema*? And were we not made thereby the *ſcorn* and *by-word* of all the *Nations* round about us? Have not our ſtately *Pallaces* and moſt Glorious *Structures* been turn'd into *Deſolation* and *Rubbiſh*? Our *Plenty* into *Penury*? Our *Free-Trading* into Dangerous *Hazards*?--- And whereas, while under a *Monarchy* we ſate *quietly*, (as now we do, *Laus Deo*,) and enjoy'd our *Peace*, *Liberty* and *Property*. Lo! when we were Subject to the *Tyrany* of a *Commonwealth*, (a *Headleſs*, or a *Hydra-Government*!) the Bramble of *Confuſion* was continually *ſcratching* and *tearing* us.--- Oh! what *Virtuous things* have *Free Quarter*! *publick Faith*! *Meal-money*! *Decimation*! Robbing *poor Servants* of their *Bodkins* and *Thimbles*! *Compoſition* over and over! And *One hundred and twenty thouſand pounds per menſem*! I ſay, what *Virtuous things* have theſe been to *England*, in compariſon of a Trivial Story of *Ship-money*! Which was indeed the *No Grievance* that was Rebelliouſly complain'd of in the year 1640. *&c.* That *Fatal year*! in which *Monarchy* began firſt to be *Bearded* in *England*.

By this ſhort *Syſtem* of our paſt *miſeries*, occaſion'd by a *Few* Factious Spirits at the firſt, we may ſee, and be convinc'd, (if we are not willfully blind with obſtinate prejudice) that the *little Finger* of a *Commonwealth* is *Heavier* than a *Monarch's Loyns*. But the *Libeller* being of another Opinion, tells us,----

Now, Hangs our Freedom *on each* Villains *Sword*

This is a briſk gird at his *Majeſty* for keeping an *Army* for the Security and Peace of the *Kingdom*. He'd be content that the *KING* were without a *Guard*, and *Naked*, that he, and his *Party* may the more eaſily *Seize* Him, and *bind* Him in *chains*. But the *Libeller* may aſk, as ſome of his *Party* formerly,-- *Are not the Train'd-Bands a Guard ſufficient for His* Majeſty *and the Kingdoms peace*? I anſwer, no! Our late *Weſtern Experience* tells him, no! Every one who can

wield a Pike, hath not the Valour to reſiſt a Multitude of Evil Doers; hath not the *Education* to diſtinguiſh a *Good Title* to the *Crown*, nor a Reſolution great enough to *abet* it. *Jack Straw* and *Wat Tyler* ſhew what Service the *Countrey Train'd-Bands* can do, when led on blindfold to pull down what they ought to maintain. So there is need of an *Army*, and why not? Doth not His Majeſty pay them? *Order* them? and where need is, ſhew them the *Severity* of the *Law*? Upon this Coercive Power thus Eſtabliſh'd;-- Whoſe *Liberties* have they Invaded? Or what *Damage* have any ſuffer'd by this, I may ſay, *Civiliz'd Army*? (unleſs he'll call that of oppoſing *Monmouth* in the *Weſt*, a Damage.) An *Army* for Order and Diſcipline, none ever ſaw a *better*. Their *Camp* being more like a *Well-Govern'd City*, than a *Field of Mars*. I am aſſured none can truly affirm that any *one man* in the Countrey where they came, hath been wrong'd to the value of a *Pig*, *Gooſe*, *Hen*, or an *Egg*, without *Redreſs*, in caſe complaint have been duly made againſt the *Offenders*. We Honour and Value the *Train'd-Bands*, &c. had they nothing elſe to mind but the *Service* of His *Majeſty*, and *Safety* of the *Kingdom*. But *Wives* and *Families* are greater *Clogs* to *Clergy-men* and *Souldiers*, than to others. They are Powerful *Load-Stones* to draw Mens *affections!* of the *One* from the True *Service* of *God*, and the *Other* from the Faithful *Service* of his *Prince*.

But the *Commonwealths-men* (for whom the *Libeller* is *Advocate*) are diſturb'd the *King* hath any *Army* at all. Yet had their beloved *Monmouth* prevail'd, (that *Proteſtant Prince!*) they'd never grudg'd him an *Army*, any more, than their precious *Predeceſſors* did *Oliver Cromwel*; whoſe *Title* to the Government was *Equal* to his; but not one jot better. But ſaith the *Libeller*,----

The Sun *will* riſe, *the* Actors *fill the* Stage;
And One and Twenty Months *is not an* Age.

And to ſtrengthen this his *Trayterous Meeter*, he tells us in *Proſe*, p. 6.--- "England *ſhall yet make a further advance*; "*'tis yet more than three months to the Harveſt*; *and at the* "*appointed time ſhall thy deliverance come*; *even at the time*

" *time when the* Sun *makes his ſecond Viſit to the* Scorpion :
" *and then will the* Spaniſh *Apple be grateful to the* Engliſh
" *palate.*

Here's *Encouragement* to purpoſe for *Traytors* and *Rebels*; in caſe they have but *Faith* ſtrong enough to Credit the *Libeller*. - - The *Sun* will *Riſe*! yes, I hope it will, to *diſcover* ſuch *Sycophants* as you, and *Reward you* too, for your *Blaſphemy* and *Treaſons* againſt *God* and your *Sovereign*.--- *England* ſhall yet make a further *advance*! God grant it may, in *Honour* and *Grandeur*. But God forbid it ſhould, in the *Libellers* Senſe: *He* intending nothing thereby, but *Rebellion* and *Ruine*. But *Deliverance* ſhall come at the appointed time! when the *Sun* makes his *ſecond Viſit* to the *Scorpion*, and then, *&c.*

Here's *Encouragement* for *Trayt rs* and *Rebels*, I ſay, with a *witneſs*! had the *Libeller* call'd all the Infernal *Fiends* to his aſſiſtance, he could not have *ſpoke* more *plainly* or *wickedly*: But the beſt on't is, he hath deluded his *Party* hitherto with his *Spurious Oracles* drawn from the *Vernal Ingreſs*, as you have heard; They have therefore *little Reaſon* to believe him in *This*, it being likely to prove as *Errant a Falſhood* as any of his former ridiculous and groundleſs *ſuggeſtions*.

The *Libeller*, notwithſtanding, is here come to the *higheſt pitch* of his *Treaſon* and *Daring*. For by theſe *H lliſh* paſſages, he moſt *Treaſonably* and *Falſly* imagines the *Death* of the *King*, and hath preſumed to ſet *Bounds* to His *Sacred life*. [*One and Twenty months is not an age!*] For which I doubt not but *Juſtice* will Requite him. The *25th.* of good K. *Edward* III. is not *Repeal'd*. Take notice *Libeller*! and remember that *Kings* are *God's Vicegerents*, and have *long Arms*.

And why ſhould not I aſſume as much *Freedom* to Anſwer this his *Treaſonable Inſinuation*, as himſelf hath taken *Liberty* to *Write* and *Print* it? For *Aſtrology* cannot own any ſuch *damnable ſuggeſtion*, unleſs his *Majeſties Birth* were known, which I am confident it is not either to the *Libeller*, or any other *truly*. Arch-Biſhop *Laud* in his *Diary* ſays, His Majeſty was born on *October* the *14th.* 1633. but no more, and

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yet that good *Biſhop* was an *Aſtrologer*. Mr. *Whitlock* ſays His Majeſty was *Born*, *October* 13. And I have ſeen a *Meddal* made at His Majeſties *Sacred Birth*, with *October* the 15. inſcrib'd upon it. One of which *Meddals* Mr. *Sandford* alſo owns to have ſeen. And if the *Day* of this Illuſtrious *Birth* be thus uncertain, how much more the *time* of the *Day*? And, the *Libeller* knows that *Aſtrology* requires the *minute*, if Men would be exact in their *Prædicting* of any thing thereon depending.

There was a *Scheam*, pretended to be His Majeſties *Birth* Figure, publiſh'd (among other things) in *Anno* 1659. [By *no* Enemy to the *Royal Family*, as the Book ſhews;) which *Scheam* had Leo on the *Horoſcope*, and this poſſibly hath hope to miſguide the *Libeller*, and his *two* Fellow Incendiaries before-mention'd; who greedily taking up the matter upon Truſt, (as did the Publiſher thereof,) hath occaſion'd many to believe His Majeſties *Nativity* is publickly known. But that *Figure* is not true, for many *Reaſons* I could give. I'll mention *one* for *all*. What Imperial *Geniture* did any *man* ever ſee, that had the *Moon* in *Duodecima Domo*? That very Argument alone is ſufficient to *convince* any underſtanding *Aſtrologer*, of the *Falſeneſs* of that *Figure*. And for the abſolute *true one*, I am morally confident it is not, cannot be known. But, in caſe it were known exactly, what would the *Libeller* do with it? He'd even make the ſame Jarring falſe *Muſick* with it, as he hath done with the *French* King's *Geniture*, which is truly known, and Printed by *Morinus* in *Aſtrologia Gallica*. And what's that? Why, the *Libeller* doom'd that Great *Martial* Monarch to *Death* three years ſince, and yet is that Illuſtrious Prince alive, and likely to live, to prove *him* a very *Impudent*, but Ignorant *Impoſtor*.

But alas! It is the *Eclipſe* of the *Sun* in *Scorpio*, *October* 1688. which the *Libeller* refers to, when he tells us of the "*Suns* making his *ſecond Viſit* to the *Scorpion*, &c. at which time his XXI Months reaching from *January* 1687. are *compleated*, which he ſays, are not an *Age*.— But what impartial *Aſtrologer* would dare to give Judgement upon his *Sovereigns Geniture* at all, much leſs at ſo *Wild* and *Groundleſs*

a rate? Can a *ſmall Eclipſe*, &c. prove *Fatal* without other Arguments? What Author teaches him this for *Aſtrology*? 'Tis the *Libellers* Malice, not his Art, that makes him guilty of this palpable and moſt *Treaſonous Falſhood*. And although I ought not, and therefore dare not intermeddle too far with ſo *Sacred a Theam* as is the *Life* or *Death* of my *Sovereign*, otherwiſe than by my *Prayers*; yet I ſhall preſume to tell the *Libeller*, that 'tis not full *Nineteen Years* ſince, (*viz.* in *October* 1669.) that the *Sun was Eclips'd in the very ſame place*, as he will be in *October* 1688. And no Danger attended His *Sacred Perſon* upon it. Neither can there now, for ought the *Libeller* can read in the *Stars*. And for his *Spaniſh Apple*, which He ſays, will then be grateful to the *Engliſh Palate*; he tacitly but moſt wickedly *menaces* His Majeſty with *Poyſon*. From the which I doubt not but *God*, and all good Mens *Prayers* will protect His *Sacred Perſon*. Behold! This *Rancorous Bloody Villain*! nothing can *ſatiate* his *malice*, but the *life* of his *Sovereign*! and that by a *Death* of his own *appointment*, without ground in *Art*. But *Libeller*! let me tell you, *God* hath *preſerved Him* from the *Lyon* and the *Bear*; from the *Aſſociators* and the *Excluſioners*! from *Perils* by *Land*! and *Dangers* by *Sea*! And I doubt not but he will *Deliver Him* from the malicious, groundleſs *menaces* of this *Uncircumcis'd Philiſtine*, too. God Almighty, never *Delivers* any from *Iminent Dangers*, but for *Great* and *Stupendious Purpoſes*. As he preſerv'd *Moſes* in the Water, to be a Leader to his *People*. *Joſeph* from *Captivity*, and attempts upon his *Innocence*, to be the *Supporter* of his *Family*, and *Countrey*, by making him the Chief Man in *Ægypt*. *David* from variety of Dangers, and being *Hunted* as a *Partridge* upon the Mountains, to be the King of his People *Iſrael*. *Cum multis aliis*, &c. And, can we believe, that *God* hath not a mighty *Work* for His *Sacred Majeſty to do*, having preſerved Him from as *Imminent Dangers* as ever he did any? Aſſure thy ſelf, vain *Libeller*! thy *Preſages* will never be anſwered, let thy *Wiſhes* be never ſo *Bloody* and *Treaſonable*.

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But this impudent Fellow, as making himſelf ſure of His Majeſties true *Nativity*, confidently ventures, (*page* 3.) to write---"*Saturn in Oppoſition to the part of Fortune in His* "*Radix, and that giver of life, will in a few months*, (mean-"ing his XXI *months*, no doubt,) *be directed to a malefique Ray of* Saturn, *&c.*

Monſtrous Lyar! As falſe to thy *Art*, as to thy *Sovereign*! what *Genethliacal Aſtrologer* ever taught, that the *part of Fortunes* directions to any *Promittor* were Dangerous to *life*? Such a *Direction* (as Aſtrologers tell us) may preſage *loſs* and *damage* ſeveral ways, according to the Nature of the *Star* that is *Promittor*, and *place* it may happen in: but can never *cut off life*. *Ptolomy* teaches us, in Judging of *Natalitial Scheams*, firſt to conſider the *Horoſcope*, *Sun*, and *Moon*, for the *Life* and *Being* of a *Perſon* or *City*, &c. and next to take care of its *well-being*, and that was by minding the κλῆρος τῆς τύχης, or place of the *part of Fortune*, which they commonly call'd the *Lunar Horoſcope*, becauſe projected from the *Luminaries* and the *Aſcendant*.

This was *Ptolomy*'s method, and yet the Impudent *Libeller* is not aſham'd to vouch *Ptolomy* for this his new Diſcovery, *lib.* 3. *cap.* 12. 13. But I have taken the pains to read *Ptolomy* in both thoſe Chapters of his third Book, and, *Truth be my Witneſs*, there is not one word in either of them that *ſounds* any thing like to what he *aſſerts*. Nor do the Arguments of thoſe Chapters lead him to any ſuch purpoſe. He therefore hath bely'd *Ptolomy*, and is not to be credited. The firſt of thoſe Chapters, treats, *De impedimentis & infirmitatibus Nati accidentibus Corpori*. The ſecond diſcourſes, *De qualitatibus animæ Nati*. Certainly, the *Libeller*, the Morning before he wrote this palpable *Untruth*, offer'd Sacrifice at the *Altar* of the Goddeſs *Laverna*, in ſome ſuch like Supplication as this,---

---------- *Pulcra* Laverna!
Da mihi fallere, da juſtum ſanctumq; videri,
Noctum peccatis & fraudibus obj ce Nubem;

Thus

Thus in *Engliſh*.

Goddeſs *moſt* Fair! *this* Suit *deny me not*,
That Quack *and* Lye *I may, and yet be* thought
An Artiſt Juſt: *my Knaviſh* Frauds *o'reſpread*,
With Sable-Clouds, *that they may* ne're *be* Read.

But, what if *Ptolomy* had ſaid ſo, which you ſee he doth not. What ſtead would it have ſtood him in? unleſs the exact *Horoſcope* of that *Royal Birth* were known. And that it muſt be before the place of the *Part of Fortune* can be obtain'd. Thus this buſie Man endeavours to *Flie* without *Wings*, and vainly labours to exalt himſelf (with the Lord *Montaign*'s *Turnebus*) as if he underſtood *all things*; when in *Truth*, he is a very *ſhallow Fellow* in the Art of *Aſtrology*, and hath nothing to value himſelf upon, but his common *Talents* of *Treaſon*, *Atheiſm*, and impudent *Daring*.

Here, I was about to lay by my Pen; but that I had freſh and better conſider'd the *Libeller*'s Groſs Prevarications and Abuſe of his Art in deriving all his malicious Judgements from one ſingle (falſe) *Ingreſs* and a Tranſit or two, *&c.* and neglecting more *weighty Cauſes*, by which an Artiſt ought to have been Govern'd in Prædicting of Futurities. As the great Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, which preſides over this preſent Age; together, with other leſſer Cauſes. The True and Natural *Effects* of which, I ſhall as briefly as I can run over, and ſo conclude.

Let it in the firſt place be remembred, that the World is under the Regency of the *Fiery Trigon*, and ſo will continue untill about, or ſomewhat after, the year 1800, *viz.* For 113 years yet to come. But we, at this time are more particularly ſubject to the Government of a Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* in *Leo*, the *Sun*'s Domal Dignity: The Influence whereof will extend unto 1702. yet 15 years to come. At which time will be Celebrated another Conjunction of the ſame *Planets* in *Aries*, (*England*'s Horoſcope) the firſt Sign of the *Zodiack*, continuing the ſame *Trigon*.

Now, we will briefly enquire into the *Effects* of this Famous *Synod*. Authors tell us, that,--- *Sub Arietis Triangulo*

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ſunt Monarchiæ ingentes, &c.--- When ſuch a Conjunction happens in *Aries*, there will be an appearance of *Mighty Monarchs*, and that Juſt and Pious Laws ſhall be Enacted for the Preſervation of Men; and People will be more inclin'd to Piety and Devotion than formerly, and be more ſtrict and ſerious in their Enquiries after things *Divine*, or belonging to a *Future Life*; They will abandon Senſuality, Fraud, Hipocriſy, and each thing that leads to Deſtruction; and be more Juſt and Virtuous in their actions towards God, and one another.

Further,--- *Dum ſiunt Magnæ Conjunctionis in Trigono primo, quæ durant annis* 199, *& ſingulis* 20. *ſiunt annis*, &c. During the time of the great Conjunctions of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* in the firſt Triplicity, which continues 199 years from their firſt entring the ſame; and are therein once every 20 years repeated: (ſaith *Campanella*) there ariſes in the World, New *Empires*, *Monarchies*, and with them much Peace and Tranquility, by reaſon of the Power the *Sun* and *Jupiter* have in that *Trigon*.--- And the Learned *Daſipodius* fortifies the ſaid Opinion, thus,--- *Conjunctiones in ſignis igneis, ſi fiant*, &c.--- If Conjunctions of the Superiour *Planets* happen to be made in the *Fiery Triplicity*, New *Empires* and *Monarchy's* are erected in the World, for as much as the *Sun* and *Jupiter* bear ſway therein; and there will alſo be an Apparition of *Wiſe* and *Learned* Perſons; and much Peace and Tranquility will be viſible among Men, *&c. Daſip. Aph.* 64.

The *Sun* Naturally ſignifies Empire and Glory; and *Jupiter* promotes Goodneſs, Wiſdom, Virtue, and Piety; which evermore preſerves Empires; as the contrary Vices moſt certainly brings them to Deſtruction. And this conſider'd, it muſt be of excellent conſequence to the World, (ſo much thereof at leaſt as is therein concern'd) when ſuch Conjunctions are Influencing of it.

Give me leave to ſearch a little into the *Effects* which have formerly attended ſome of thoſe Noble Conjunctions, and thence demonſtrate the Truth of theſe *Aphoriſms*. I will be very brief.--- It was under the Influence of ſuch a

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Conjunction that the *Aſſyrian* Monarchy began; and that *Nabonaſſer* advanc'd to the Monarchy of the *Babylonians*, giving them a New *Æra*. Under ſuch a Conjunction, *Cardan* ſays, the firſt *Emperour* appear'd. 'Twas under this *Trigon*, that the moſt Famous of Men have appear'd in the World, *viz. Moſes*, *Aaron*, *Joſhua*, *Hezekiah*; *David*, *Soloman*, &c. ſo alſo *Thales*, and all the reſt of the *Seven Sages* under this *Trigon*, ſaith the Learned Mr. *John Butler*, (in a Manuſcript of all the Conjunctions of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, which he kindly gave to me,) *Joſeph* was born, and all the XII. *Patriarchs*. And that *Oſiris* began his Famous March over all *Aſia*, teaching them to ſow *Corn*, Plant *Vines*, make *Wine*, &c. The Holy *David* was advanc'd (through many difficulties) to be King of *Iſrael*. The *Olympick Games*, Famous for above 1000. years after, (he ſaith) began under this *Trigon*. And alſo, that under the ſame, *Sylla* aroſe, and became the firſt Imperial Monarch of *Rome*. The *Germans were* taught *Phyſick*, *Agriculture*, *Grinding*, *Forging*, *Brewing*, &c. under this *Triangle*. And under the ſame, many Famous Cities have been built, as *Memphis*, (now Grand *Cairo*) in *Ægypt*: But whether by *Apis* or *Epaphos*, I will not diſpute. *Sparta*, *Lacædemon*, *Syracuſe*, *Tarentum*, *Rhegium*, *Abdera*, *cum multis aliis*, all Erected under this *Trigon*. So likewiſe the Famous Univerſities of *Oxford*, *Cambridge*, *Tholouſe* in *France*, &c.--- But, to inſtance in One for All, let us (in Duty and Thankfulneſs to *God*) remember, that, according to his good pleaſure, (for the Ennobling of this Famous *Trigon*) the Bleſſed *Lord* and *Saviour* of the World was born of a *Virgin*, (under the ſame,) and became *Incarnate*, to take away the ſins of the World, and reconciled Lapſed *Mankind* to a greatly offended *Deity*.

By this ſhort account, we may reaſonably Judge of the *Effects* Dependant on the preſent Famous Conjunction; which muſt, according to the Courſe of Nature, be of admirable advantage unto the World, and thoſe particular *Kingdoms*, *Cities*, &c. that are ſubjected to this *Ignean Triplicity*, under a Friendly Conſideration. 'Tis the *Fire* that Purifies all things. And this Conjunctions Influences (*Ju-*

piter bearing rule herein) will moſt happily conſume all the *Droſs* and *Dregs* of *Fanaticiſm*, *Fraud*, and *Hipocriſy*, (which hath ſo long infatuated the World,) and leave us only the Pure Gold of *Peace*, *Felicity*, *Religion*, *Honour*, and *Content*, &c. And, what if I ſhould ſay, they will ſalute us with Durable new *Monarchies*, New *Cities*, New *Arts*, &c. The Conjunction is Fixed, and Fixed Signs relate to things of duration, and continuance.— Miſtake me not. I do not mean that the *Effects* of this Famous Conjunction ſhall be of ſo *all-Glorious* an Influence, or ſhall ſo far ſignifie *Peace*, *Piety*, *Honour*, *Quiet*, and *Content*; as that all War, Diſcontent, Atheiſm, or Diſhonour ſhould wholly *ceaſe*, or be *abſent*. No! What year was there ever ſo *Dry*, but that it admitted of ſome *moiſture*? Or ſo *Proſperous*, but that ſome Men met *Infelicity* therein? The *Antipathies* of Nature can no more be deſtroy'd, than the *Sympathies*. Both, may be *intended* or *remitted*, but not (while the World laſts) *aboliſhed*. A Man be ſaid to be a good Man, and yet guilty of ſome Immortalities. And a Year may be ſaid to be a *moiſt*, or a *dry* One, *&c.* in *compariſon* of the *moiſture*, or *drought* it is laden with. All the Diverſity or Variety that appears in the World, is ſo but by *compariſon*, viz. In reſpect of a *Dry* Year, or of a *Temperate*, ſuch a Year may be reputed *moiſt*. Or, in regard of a *Fruitful* Revolution; ſuch a one may be term'd *Barren*. But there can be no Year in which all *Four Qualities* ſhall not be Apparent and Viſible. And thus ought we to underſtand the ſignifications of the *Stars* at large, and of this Famous *Igneam* Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* in particular; and not otherwiſe. For while there is a *Horoſcope*, and Point *Culminant*, there will be a *Seventh*, and a *Twelfth* Angle, *i. e.* As long as there are *Men* and *Actions* in the World, ſo long there will be *Enemies* and *Oppoſition* to them. As there are Perſons and Places with whom this Great Conjunction accords, ſo there are ſuch with whom its Influences Antipathize. The advantage of an Amicable Configuration is chiefly this, that, like the *Diurnal* Arch in Summer, we have (*plus Solis*) more of *Good* than of *Evil*, and that the *Evil* it ſelf is

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kept under, from being able to do the World any material or ſignal Damage.

But the *Libeller*, (or ſome like him) may interrogate, what though Great and Famous *Perſons*, and *Actions* have been the *Effects* of theſe Notable *Congreſſes* formerly? and perhaps may again now alſo appear during the continuance of this *Trigon*? Why ſhould they be more viſible to *England*, or *Rome*, than to any other Kingdoms, Cities, *&c.* Or, why at this time more than another? I anſwer.--- That the Effects of this Conjunction cannot concern *Rome* or *England*, more, than they will other *places* which are equally related to that *Triplicity*. To ſuch they will be of a ſuitable ſignification. But they will much more relate to thoſe Famous Places, than to others that are either not at all, or elſe not *Equally* concern'd with them. Every *Countrey*, *Kingdom*, or *City*, &c. is not in *Trine* to the *Conjunction*, or in good Configuration with it, therefore cannot be equally advantaged thereby. Some Kingdoms, Provinces, Cities, Societies, *&c.* are in *Quadrate*, or *Oppoſition* to this Noble *Congreſs*: Others have *Horoſcopes*, and *Hylegiacal* Points not at all beholding it. To ſuch therefore it will be either of an Oppoſite, or of no ſignification at all.

But all *Aſtrologers* concur, that thoſe Places and Perſons, *&c.* that *Harmoniſe* with the Conjunction, will be ſharers in its Nobler Influences; and thoſe that are *Diſcordant* unto it, will partake of its moſt adverſe and contrary Effects. Now *Rome* and *England* being related to this Conjunction very peculiarly, (though not Excluſive of all other Places) are the more certain Eminently to ſhare in its Effects, and that as I ſaid for good.

That *England* is ſubject to the *Fiery Trigon*, is, with Aſtrologers out of Diſpute. *Ptolemy* himſelf places it under *Aries*, and *Mars*; *Unde impatientes regni*, &c. ſaith He; And that truly enough, it being of the Nature of Collerick Countries, as well as Perſons, to *Aſpire*, *Tyranize*, &c. And *Cardanus* adds, that therefore we are a Rebellious and Unlucky People: And that alſo, is not to be diſallowed of, when labouring under Rebellious and Tyrannous Influences.

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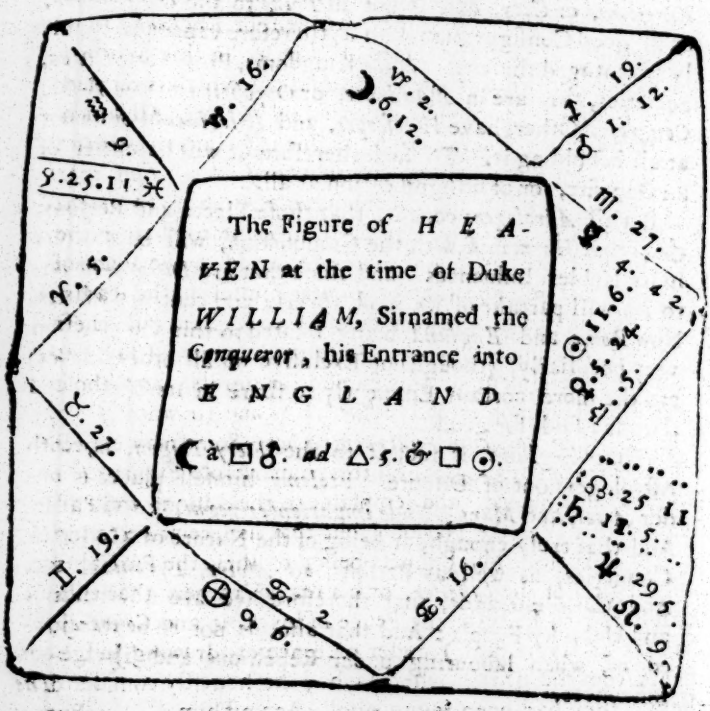
The Warlike Ram *Aſcends in* England: *Scheam,*
And Mars, *or* Mars *his Sons, muſt Govern them.*

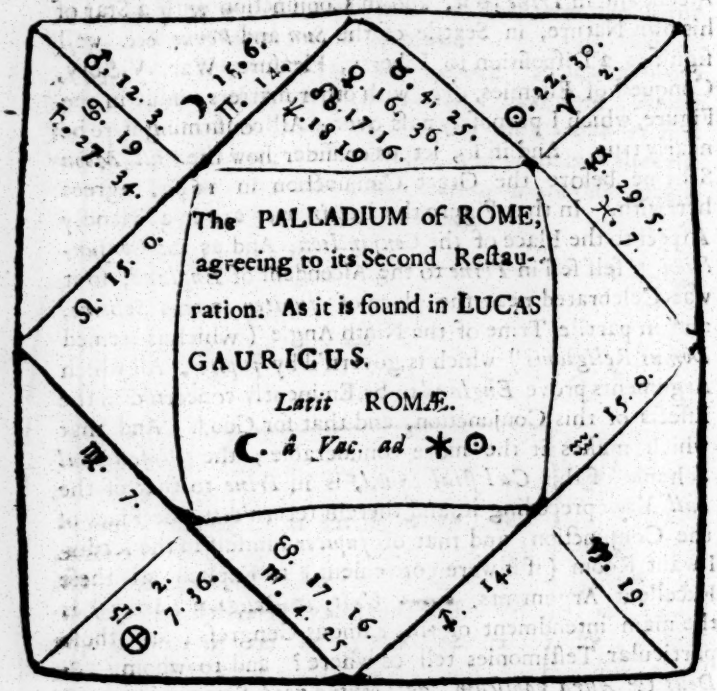
For we muſt know it for a Truth, that all the ſhining Diamonds of Heaven do not emit ſuch Salutiferous and Preſerving *Rayes* as doth the Planet *Jupiter*: Neither is *Jupiter* always the Ruler of a *Conjunction*; (though here he be) ſometimes it happens that he is a *Patient* or Sufferer himſelf; and Envious *Saturn* will bear the Rule over him But now (Bleſſed be God) it is otherwiſe.

Now, to ſtrengthen the Opinion (though it ſcarce need) that *Aries* is the *Horoſcope* of *England*, I have ſeen a *Figure* of Heaven, ſaid to be that of *William* the *Conquerors* firſt Landing in *England*; and it is this, and probably the true time thereof, or very near: as I ſhall upon another occaſion endeavour elſewhere to Demonſtrate.



Whether this be the very true Figure of Duke *William's* Landing at *Pemsey* I will not absolutely affirm; but it looks so like the True One, (chiefly as it accords to the Kingdoms Original *Horoscope*) that it may, *cum grano Salis*, be admitted for the truth. A *Cardinal* Scheme agrees well enough to a vigorous, Active People; and *Mars* Lord of the Ascendant in *Trine* to it, and in Conjunction with a Star of his own Nature, in Sextile of the *Sun* and *Venus*, &c. well signifies a Disposition to Liberty, Pleasure, War, Victory, Conquest of Enemies, *&c.* with other matters visible in the Figure, which I purposely pass over; All confirming it to be nearly true. And if so, let us consider how the *Full Moon* Scheme before the Great Conjunction in 1682. agrees herewith. In that Figure the *Luminaries* are in a Friendly Aspect to the Place of the *Conjunction*; And as the *Conjunction* it self fell in *Trine* to the Ascendent of *England*, so it was Celebrated near the place of *Jupiter* in this *Scheme*, and in partile Trine of the Ninth Angle (which is termed *Domus Religionis*) which is govern'd by *Jupiter*. All which Arguments prove *England* to be Eminently concern'd in the Effects of this Conjunction, and that for Good. And that which makes it the more considerable, the *Profectional* Scheme of this *Cælestial Synod*, is in *Trine* to that of the *Full Moon* preceding it, and therein return'd to the Place of the Conjunction, and that of *Jupiter* himself in the Radix. I want Room (if it were convenient) to Explain all these Excellent Arguments. —— *Unity in Religion* (I say) is the main intendment of this Famous Congress; and those particular Testimonies tell us where? and to whom? *Si Deus & Astra nobiscum, quis contra nos?* Some may expect a Judgement Astrological on this remarkable Figure, (a *Cardinal* one indeed, and semblable to the Actions and Passions of this Warlike Nation) but that is Irrelative to my present Purpose. My business being to shew the Partiality and Neglect of the *Libeller*, or his malice rather, that thus hath dared to Disturb the Peace of his *King* and *Countrey*, (as far as lay in him) under pretence of drawing Judgements from the *Stars*; whereas had he honestly consider'd them, they had been found wholly against him. But

But further, for as much as the *Libeller* hath Confidently joyned *Rome* with *England* to suffer all the *Plagues* his Envious Pen was able to Scatter; I will here (to manifest his *Folly* as well as *Falseness*) Produce the Nativity of *Rome*, as I find it in *Gauricus*; that the world may see what little Ground he had so basely to bespatter it.



What skilful Astrologer is there, that seriously viewing, this Figure of Heaven, would dare to pronounce *Destruction* to *Rome*, under a Conjunction in the Fiery *Triangle*? Behold how all the Planets are rang'd in Order, all (*Supra terram* too,) to assist it by their Harmonious Positions. *Pisces Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer*, all possess'd by *Planets*. Fortunate *Stars*, *Jupiter* and *Venus* in the *medium Cœli*; and the *Sun* in *Aries*, his Exaltation, smiling on the *Horo-*

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ſcope with a Trigonal Ray: The *Moon* increaſing in the Angle of *Hopes* and *Aſſiſtance*, applying to the *Sextile* of the *Sun* in the Ninth Angle. An Admirable Poſition of *Heaven*, enough to Dazle the Eyes of *Romes* greateſt Enemies: and ſufficient to confirm them, that they ſhall be no more able to *prevail* againſt *Her*, then the *Gates* of *Hell* can againſt the *Truth She* Maintains. And had that Whimſical Aſtrologer, who aſum'd the Name of *RUTH*, (which Mr. *Maxwel* gives us notice of in his Collection of *Propheſies*, &c.) but truly obſerved the *Glories* of this Cœleſtial Scheme, he could never have been ſo *Raſh* or *Fanciful*, as to have Prædicted the *Downfal* of this Famous *City*, and *Hierarchy* as He did, from a Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* in *Scorpio*, 1484. and by ſundry *Pictures*, and other frothy fallacious Stories; which vain preſage, it hath now ſurvived (*laus Deo*) more then 200. years, ſo that we ſee----

Stout Rome *ſtands ſtill, a Bulwark, to Defie,*
The Pen-Granado's of Falſe Phropheſie.

You ſee by this, there have been other *Fops* and *Impoſtors* as well as the *Libeller*, and long before him too, that have been ſtretching their *Skill*, and ſtraining their *Credits*, to ſtrike at *Rome*. Mr. *Potter* flirted at it from the Number of the Beaſt, 666. And many others have done the ſame, by *Chronograms*, *Crotchets*, *Propheſies*, *Dreams*, &c. But alaſs! how vainly! All of them have been deluded and miſerably deceived in their hopes; and, may they not alſo be juſtly *derived* too? *Plus fœtent ſtercora mota*. I will rake into this Dirty Puddle no further.

Let me now conſider how matters ſtand at preſent with that Noble *Place* and *People*, in reſpect of Cœleſtial Cauſes. And here I find this Famous *Conjunction* to fall in the very *Horoſcope* of *Romes Palladium*; and the *Moon* in the *Plenilanium Figure* exactly return'd *ad locum Solis*, and *Sextilum Proprium* therein. And if the *Luminaries* are the grand *Spirits* of the World, and the Life of All things Living, (as

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ſaith *Hermes Triſmegiſtus*,-- *Sol & Luna poſt Deum, Omnium viventium vita ſunt.*) then their places being fortunated in any Radix, muſt add to the Life and Vigor, and conſequently, to the Honour and Splendor of that Place unto whom they belong. *Ergo*, much Happineſs, and Succeſs muſt hereby be intended to the *See* of *Rome*, maugre all the *Libellers* Malicious Predictions to the Contrary; And this Judgement is the Natural Reſult of *Art*.

Further, we may obſerve, In the *Profectional* Scheme, that the *Conjunction* is returned to the *Fifth* Angle; which (according to Natural Cauſes) renders that *Holy See* Proſperous, and Succeſsful, and Prevailing, by her *Envoys*, *Agents* or *Ambaſſadors*, &c. and heaps Honours and Advantages upon many of her *Obedient Children*, and denotes them, alſo, happy in their Endeavours; and that their Pious and Praiſe-worthy *Labours* will be more Eaſie and Delightful, and leſs Hazardous to them, than in ſome former years; that they ſhall be reſpected, and kindly treated where ever they come; and not be (while this Conjunction *Rules*) ſubject to ſuffer under the Damnable *Perjuries* of *Satan*'s *Imps*, as lately they moſt wrongfully did.

I cannot Enlarge upon theſe two Illuſtrious *Genitures*; which if conſider'd (as you have heard) with the two other mention'd *Schemes*, together with *Revolutions* and *Directions* of the *Planets*, &c. (A large, and Laborious task?) do pronounce moſt *Glorious things*, not only to *England* and *Rome* in particular, but to all *Chriſtendom*; to the Advancement of the *True Religion*, and to the Depreſſion of the *Devils* Kingdom, *Hereſy*, *Schiſm*, &c.

Here, let me premiſe, that when I mention *Religion*, &c. I do it not as if I believ'd the *Stars* acted *Fatally* upon *Men*, or that they had any Dominion over *Conſciences*, or matters truly *Divine*. I am ſatisfi'd (with *Indagines*) that they *Incline* only, and that (many times) very *gently* too; the *Mind* is affected with Stellary *Influences*, only by the mediation of the *Organs*, and not Directly. And the *Soul* is a free Agent. 'Tis the *Mutable* part of *Religion* only, that is *Cognoſcible* to the *Stars*; that part of it which is Subject

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to our *Senſes*: But the *Subſtance*, or *Eſſence* thereof is above their *Influences*, and, as being *Eternal*, admits of neither *Alteration* or *Addition*. Wherefore the *Stars* may diſcover a *Hipocrite* or *Heretick*, &c. becauſe ſuch are led by their *ſenſual* Appetites, and not by the Spirit of *Unity*. But alas! they can never Declare a *Chriſtian*. A True *Chriſtian* is the Holy Apoſtles Spiritual Man, that *Judgeth* all things, and is Judged of None: He is Influenced by a *Heaven* above the *Stars*; Even the *Cælum Empyreum*,

This premis'd, I ſay then with *Origanus*, &c. that the *Chriſtian* Religion (*ſecundum formam*) is under the *Sun* and *Jupiter*, whence *Cardan* ſays --- *Lex Chriſtiana, Lex eſt Pietatis, Juſtitiæ, Fidei, Simplicitatis*, &c. That the Chriſtian Law, is a Law of Piety, Juſtice, Integrity, Faith, Simplicity, *&c.* --- All which *Virtues*, as they are own'd by the Good Planet *Jupiter*, will be Improved and Advanced, during the Influence of this *Conjunction*, to the Honour of *God*, and the Happineſs of thoſe Gountries, Kingdoms, Societies, *&c.* that are ſubject to the Fiery Trigon. *Jupiters* Influences are ever benefique.--- *Nam à Jove amicitiæ, fœderæ, religioſi*, &c. when *Jupiter* hath Supreme Rule in a Conjunction, *&c.* He intimates many Notable and Serions Enquiries into former Alliances, Leagues, Friendſhips and matters relating to *Religion*, and to the *Civil Cuſtoms* of Kingdoms, Countreys, *&c.* to an *Aboliſhing* of ſundry unjuſt *Encroachments*. A *Reformation* of many Notorious *abuſes*; and to an Extirpation of *Fraud*, and *Injuſtice*. So far are *Rome* and *England* from ſuffering what the *Libeller* awards, that the Grand Chanel of *Diviſion* and *Confuſion* is like to be ſtop'd up, and turn'd into the Joyful Current of *Peace* and *Unity*.

As to *England* in particular, give me leave to remember a Notable paſſage in *Michael Noſtradamus*, Written about 130. years ſince, *viz.* ſome ſhort time after the pretended *Reformation*; which is thus,

Le grand Empire ſera pars L'Angleterre.
A mighty *Empire England* Once ſhall be.

And, allowing it a *Propheſy*, it hath not been yet fulfill'd. Neither can it be more likely to meet an accompliſhment then in this preſent Age: *England* being now Govern'd by a *Warlike-Martial Prince*, and under the Influence of a Noble *Regal* Conjunction.

Again, It is an allow'd *Axiom* among *Aſtrologers*,--- *Nativitates quæ configurantur cum propinquis figuris duorum ſuperiorum Conjunctionem*, &c.-- That thoſe Provinces, Countries, Cities and Perſons, whoſe Genitures correſpond with the Figure of the laſt Ruling Conjunction of the Superiours, will remarkably advance in Honour and Grandeur, *&c.* and ſhall perform ſome more than ordinary Action or Actions worthy the ſame. The *Geneſis* of *England*, (as you have ſeen) doth happily agree with that of the preſent Ruling Famous Conjunction. It follows therefore clearly (*non obſtante*, the *Libellers* Rabſheka-Railing) that *Great Britain* will advance and proſper Eminently under the Influences of this *Regal Conjunction*; and that as well in things *Sacred* as *Secular*; to the rejoycing of the *Truly Loyal*, and Conſternation of its *Enemies*. I may therefore be held to affirm,--- "That whoever *He*, or *They* be, that ſhall preſume "to promiſe themſelves any Encouragement or Security in "their *Practices* or *Conſpiracies* againſt the Illuſtrious *Mo*"*narch* of theſe Nations, or the Peaceable *Government* "thereof, *They* will be moſt miſerably *deluded* and *deceiv*"*ed*; and be *Fruſtrate* in all their deſigns, by a timely diſ"covery thereof: Let *Him*, or *Them*, Act never ſo *Craftily*, or *Occultly*; and they will come to be expos'd to the "greateſt and ſevereſt of *puniſhments* as their *Treaſons* can "deſerve, or the *Law* can inflict; even to the Deſtruction of "their *Perſons*, Ruine of their *Eſtates*; and poſſibly to "the utter Extirpation of their *Names* and *Families*.--- Let them remember the ſad, but juſt *Deſtinie* which of late befell their *Brethren*, and Fellow Conſpirators in the *Weſt*, viz. *Anno* 1685.

Moreover, if the *Evil* Figures of a *Kingdom*, or *City*, &c. (as ſays the Famous *Ptolemy*) are intended, or remitted according to *contrary* Configurations of the Heavens, or Stars;

Stars; Then our preſent Argument receives ſtill greater ſtrength. For, it is moſt apparent, that the Malignant and Angry Aſpects of the Stars are removed from us. The late general troubled, and (I was about to ſay) unparallel'd *Fate* which ſo furiouſly afflicted us, was occaſion'd by the great Equinoctial *Oppoſition* of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*; preceding it, Which, as aggravated by other leſſer Cauſes, made it ſo. *Violent, Fierce, Turbulent*, and *Raging*. It happen'd from *Aries* and *Libra*; and generated Diſeaſes and Diſturbances in the *Head*. (As well of Kingdoms, and Cities, as Perſons.) Which was wittily noted by the Author of the MEDAL, ſpeaking to the (then) *Achitophel* of *England*, telling Him,---

That, the Pox'd Nation *felt him in their* Brains.

Whence Iſſued ſo many Damnable, Wicked and unheard of *Plots* and *Conſpiracies* of the *Vulgar* and *Baſer* ſort, againſt their *Superiours*.

But now, I ſay, be it known unto all the World, that thoſe Malignant *Dog-Stars*, under whoſe fierce Influences we were of late ſo horribly *worry'd*, are wholly *remitted*, being ſuperceded by thoſe of a more Noble, Generous, Temprate, Fixed and Preſerving Influence, *viz.* that of the fore-mentioned Conjunction of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* in *Leo*. No more *Wallers*, now, to be heard of, to look for *Prieſts* in *Pepper-Boxes*; Or to miſtake *Jacobus*,s, for *Popiſh Images*; or Rich *Bracelets*, or *Necklaces*, for BEADS; Gold *Watches*, or valuable *Jewels*, for *Trinkets* belonging to the *Whore* of *Babilon*, &c. No more *burning* of our Savours *Picture*, to promote *Religion*. No more of theſe noon-day *Cheats* now! which were lately perform'd in the Face of the Sun, *in Nomine Dei*.

The time of the devouring KITES intimated by *Merlin*, is paſt. We had them with us in the late *Plot* with a Witneſs! Such a *Perjur'd* Crew of Atheiſtical and Plundring *Caitiffs* the World was ſcarce ever acquainted with ſince *Cain* ſlew his Innocent Brother. A parcel of Dignify'd *Knaves* too! from *Heraldry* of their own making, *viz.* Doctor *Otes*! Capt. *Bedlo*! Capt. *Dangerfield*! Eſq; *Dugdale*! Mr. *Prance cum multis aliis*, &c.-- When as but a ſhort time before, *Otes* beg'd for Six Pence of *Pickering*. *Bedloe* was

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fed out of the *Alms-Basket*. *Dangerfield* fetch'd out of *Newgate* by a kind-hearted Old Woman; and had been often *Whipp'd* and *Pillory'd* before for his precious *Pranks*. *Dugdale* had ſquander'd away his Lords Money to whom he was *Bayliff*; and to even accounts with his Lordſhip, ſwore him into the *Plot*.--- Yet, ſuch was the *Iniquity* of the (then) times, theſe devouring *Varlets* were believ'd, and ſo ſtrongly *back'd*, and held up by the *Chin*, that every honeſt *Loyal Man*, and ſome Great *Noble Men* too, (for theſe *Birds* of *prey* flew at all!) which one would have thought had been out of the reach of ſuch Verminous *VVretches*; ſtood in fear of them, and were *terrify'd* with the danger and noiſe of their horrid *Mouth-Granodoes*.

Surely, *Ambroſe Merlyn* himſelf, had he then been alive, would have ſworn that theſe things had been an abſolute fullfilling of his Prophecy.--- *Et erit tempus Milvorum*. And there ſhall be a time of *Kites*, &c.--- But bleſſed be God, this *time of Kites* is paſt. And all the peſtiferous and *Perjurious* Vermin are either diſſipated, or dead, (the *Doctor* only remaining in *Salva Cuſtodia*, to aſſure us *five* times every *year*, that there was ſuch a time of *Kites* among us.) And every Loyal Man begins to be reduc'd to his right mind again, and to enjoy himſelf. And ſo I queſtion not but we ſhall continue, many and many years, notwithſtanding the *Machinations* of Rebellious and Blood-thirſty Men.

Now, as to what the *Libeller* talks of to attend us from the *Oppoſition* of *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, to come in 1692. and 1693. I ſay. it is not only beſides his preſent *Text* (for he wholly omitted to explain their *Conjunction*, that, being againſt his Knaviſh deſigns) which was a Judgement on the *year* 1687. but a direct and palpable *Contradiction* to what he hath writ. For he has as you have heard (tho' moſt Falſly) terminated the preſent happineſs and Government of *England* by *October* 1688 at the fartheſt. When the *Sun makes his ſecond viſit to the Scorpion*, then the *Spaniſh Apple*, &c

----And *One* and *Twenty months* is not an *Age*.

Which agrees to the foreſaid Month of *October*. And yet (forgetting himſelf) he fooliſhly tells us of matters to happen

pen ſeveral years after we all are to be Deſtroy'd. -- *Oportet mendacem eſſe memorem.*

But alaſs! Were there any thing in what he pretends, the *Effects* of an *Oppoſition*, are ever *Obedient* to thoſe of a *Conjunction*. And if the Congreſs be *Balſamique*, the Diametrial Ray can never be *Corroſive*. It may indeed *Minuerè*, ſomewhat abate of the Synod's good ſignifications, but can never oppoſe or alter them.

Shall I give this *Libeller* a little more Light into the Truth hereof; and that by an Inſtance or two within our own memories alſo? Let it then be remembred that there was a *Conjunction* of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* in *Piſces*, *February*, 1643. an Irregular Conjunction, and attended with as Anomalous Actions and Effects, *viz.* A *Horrid Rebellion*, and the *Murther* of the Beſt of *Kings* at his own Door, *&c.* I meddle not with any Forrein Effects thereof, though they alſo were Monſtrous and Strange. ---- The *Oppoſition* of the ſame *Planets* happen'd *Anno* 1653. in the Signs *Leo* and *Aquary*. But, what then? Did that mend the matter? or did it not make it worſe, rather? 'Tis true, the *Rebellious Rump Parliament* was ſoon after *Routed*. But, to continue the *Rebellious* Effects of that *Conjunction*, *Cromwel*, the *Uſurper*, was exalted in their Room. Who, with his *Major-Generals*, and Lords of his own making, *&c.* Built upon the ſame wicked and *Perjurious Foundation*. Conſult the Hiſtory of thoſe times, and then tell me, whether the *Oppoſition* did not anſwer to the *Conjunction* in it's *Tyranous* and *Rebellious Effects*, as in a Glaſs, *Face* anſwers *Face*. Under the Influence of the *Conjunction*, the *Rebells Murther'd* the *King*; and during the Regency of the *Oppoſition*, they *Abjur'd* the whole *Royal Line*. Study now, *Libeller*, and then tell me, where's the Difference? They, *viz. Cromwel*, and his *Party*, could not *Kill* him whom they had *Murther'd* before. But did they not endeavour to *Murther* him in his *Iſſue?* where now, I ſay, lyes the *difference* between a *Conjunction* and *Oppoſition*?

Take another Inſtance nearer hand, which perhaps may be more readily remembred, *viz.* the great *Conjunction* of

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Saturn and *Jupiter* Celebrated in *Sagitary*, *October* 1663 *Sagitary* is held leſs *Noble*, and more *Feral*, than *Leo*. This *Conjunction* was ſucceeded with a very great *Plague*, and terrible *Conflagration* of *London*, &c. Two or three *Wars* with *Holland*; and but a Wavering and Uneaſie Peace at home. ---- Now, the *Oppoſition* of the ſaid Planets fell in *Aries* and *Libra*, in the Month of *April*, 1673. The very year of the *Diſcriminating Act*, and of the Earl of *Shaftſbury*'s contriving the *TEST*, which was attended with the Damnable *Projects* for an *Aſſociation*, and an *Excluſion* of the Lawful *Heir* from his *Birth-right*. And for their more eaſy compaſſing thereof, the late Damnable *Plot*, commonly call'd *Oates's Plot*, was Spawn'd. The Nation was ſurvey'd by the command of Subjects; who had nothing to do therewith, and it was alſo divided into *WORTHY MEN*; and *MEN WORTHY*, by thoſe whoſe honeſt buſineſs was *Obedience*. His *Majeſty* that then Reign'd, was bearded by his *Vaſſals*, and almoſt brought into a *Plot* againſt himſelf. Many worthy Perſons Innocently ſuffer'd *Death*, being Sworn out of their Lives by *Varlets*; and to compleat the Miſeries *England* then Labour'd under. A Noble and Loyal *Lord* was alſo Sworn out of his Life, and *Dyed* as an Enemy to the *King* and *Government*. ---- Thus thou ſeeſt (vain *Libeller*) that the effects of an *Oppoſition* are ever Equivalent to thoſe of the *Conjunction* preceding. Can any believe that the *Plague*, and Dreadful *Fire*, which the *Conjunction* brought, could be more Miſchievous to *England*, then theſe Damnable *Effects* which follow'd the *Oppoſition*? This Nation hath Reaſon to eſteem the *Latter* to be the far greater *Plague* of the two; It being far better to fall into the Hands of *God*, then of *Men*. And, therefore the *Malicious Menaces* of the *Libeller*, from the *Oppoſition* of thoſe two Planets, which will happen in 1692. and 1693. are both *vain* and *falſe*, ſince the Effects thence to Enſue, muſt naturally bear a reſemblance to thoſe of the *conjunction*. And were it not ſo, the Law of *Nature*, and of the *Stars* (which is all one) were not *Uniform*, as we know it ever is, when not contradicted by *Miracles*.

I ſhould now take notice of his confidence in preſuming to *adviſe* the *German Emperour* to leave the PAGAN, and lead his Forces againſt the CHRISTIAN TURK; thereby meaning the Great *French King*, and of his ſtill threatning that Illuſtrious *Monarch* (whom three years ſince he had impudently pretended to *Kill* by his no-*Art*,) with a three years miſchief at his *Doors*. Of his Scandalouſly twitting *Denmark* with the *weakneſs* of a STAGGERING PRINCE. Of his Egregions *Flatteries* to the *States* of *Holland*.--- That they *ſhall plow the Ocean with ſucceſs*, &c.--- I ſhould, I ſay, have taken notice of all theſe, and other Villanous Lying paſſages,--- As, who it is this *Varlet* means by his HATED MONARCH, *&c.* But having been taught by the Noble *Plutarch*, to keep within my own Sphere, and to ABSTAIN FROM BEANS, *i. e.* Not to concern my ſelf too nearly with the Actions or Affairs of *Princes*, *Monarchs*, *States*, &c. I ſhall leave ſuch matters to be conſider'd of by the ſeveral Honourable *Agents* or *Ambaſſadours* of ſuch *Princes* or *Republicks*, unto whom it properly belongs; for them to take *Care* in the places where they reſide, that the Honour and Dignity of the *Sovereigns* they Repreſent, be not Leſſen'd, Undervalu'd, or Wounded by *Scandals* in any ſort or manner; but much more, when they ſhall be diſhonour'd and Scandaliz'd by Libellous *Prints*, which *proclaims* the ſame, not only to the *preſent*, but to *future* Ages for ever.

And, ſo I have done with the *Libeller*, for this time: praying *God* in mercy to reveal his *Eyes*, and awaken his hardned *Conſcience* to a *love* of the *Truth*, and of true *Duty* and *Loyalty* toward his Lawful *Sovereign*, whom he hath, without Cauſe, moſt maliciouſly and daringly *provoked*. And alſo to give him Grace to *Repent* of all his *Atheiſm*, *Treaſon* and *Blaſphemy*, interſper'd throughout his wicked *Pamphlet*, and that he may before it be *too late*, crave *Pardon* of *God*, and of his Sacred *Majeſty* for all his wicked and wilful *Offences* committed againſt both.

Sero Sapit Ingratus.

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POSTCRIPT.

I Have purposely omitted to search into several strains of his Doggrel Poetry, as not willing to understand whom he points at: and yet they seem very plain and intelligible. Hear him in one or two of them.—He says, that in his *wanted Commonwealth* ——

No Charters *seiz'd for* Rome *by New-found Writ,*
Nor City-Rights *question'd as they thought fit,*
And ROGUES *made* JUDGES *to Determine it.*

And,——

No FIDLING JUSTICE *there perks up his Head,*
Prefer'd to Cheat *the* Church *that gave him Bread.*

With sundry other Venomous *Flirts* at several Eminent and *Loyal Persons*, and some of them by *Name*, as Mr. *Graham*, Mr. *Burton*, &c His *Majesties* Solicitors; possibly, for that they might be appointed to *Prosecute* him for his *Treason*. Of which pray take a Copy thereof as it was *Sworn* against him, and Printed in the *Rye-House Conspiracy*, p. 90. of the *Octavo* Impression, *viz.* — This Examinant (Mr. W. WEST) further saith, That Mr. Goodenough told him this Examinant, That he had spoken to one PARTRIDGE a Shooe-maker and Almanack-maker in Covent-Garden, to Act in this ASSASSINATION, and that the said PARTRIDGE offer'd to Joyn in it, if it were to be done in Town, but was not a-

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ble to RIDE, and therefore could not Joyn in the ATTEMPT out of London. And further ſaith, That the ſaid PARTRIDGE had erected ſome Scheams, and thereby found the Duke of YORK would ſcarce out-live March or April: And that the KING was under an Ill Direction too, and the PEOPLE would be VICTORIOUS. And Mr. Riley told this Examinant the ſame thing as to the Scheams erected by PARTRIDGE.

This *Libellers* horrid *Treaſons* being thus diſcover'd, he fled into *Holland* to avoid the Puniſhment due unto them; and there the more fully to *Evince* his *Guilt*, he excites, (as much as in him lies) by his *Poyſonous* Pen to a *Rebellion* againſt his Lawful *King*. Aſſuring his *Aſſociating* Brethren, *The advantage is far greater to the Patrons of Liberty, Courage, &c. than to the Patrons of Popery, and that Popery will not ſtand in* England *many months — but decline, and periſh; — And then run* Rogues. Now compare Mr. *Weſt's* Teſtimony, and ſee if it do not exactly jump with the *Libellers Predictions*. — And, yet, behold the *Impudence* of this *Wretch!* after all this *Treaſon*, and reiterated Provocation of His *Majeſty*, abuſing the Reverend *Judges*, and other his malicious *Scandals*, as you have heard,-- He dares with the *Whore* in the *Proverbs*, wipe his mouth, and ſay he hath done no *Evil*; But hath the hardned confidence as to ſend over an *Almanack* to *London*, to be Printed for 1688.

POSTSCRIPT.

Finally, If any ſhall Judge me too *Sharp* in this my *Reply*; I muſt preſume to tell them, that if they juſtly conſider the occaſion given, they'l then think me rather too *ſparing* in my Animadverſions upon ſo *Horrid* a LIBELL; Wherein the *Libeller* hath *Traiterouſly traduc'd* his *Liege Lord* and *Sovereign*, menac'd His *Royal Life*, and ſet bounds thereunto, to the Diſhonour of the King of Kings, whoſe Prerogative it is; Diſturb'd and *Beſpatter'd* his *Native Countrey*, from whence he drew his *Infamous Breath*; Scandaliz'd and threat'ned all the *Reverend Judges* of the Realm, Blaſphem'd *Chriſtian Religion*, and the *Clergy* of both Churches; and, to theſe his Enormous *purpoſes* hath unworthily proſtituted *Aſtrology*, one of the moſt *Antient* and *Uſefnl Sciences* in the World, and ever in *Repute* with the *Wiſeſt* of Perſons in all Ages. Yea, and this too, when that Noble *Art* ſpeaks quite different to what the *Libeller* brings it to prove.- I ſay, theſe *Monſtrous Stories* conſider'd, I have been rather too *gentle* and *ſparing*.-- Yet the Holy Apoſtle S *Paul*, adviſes *Titus* to *Rebuke* the *Cretians*) who he ſays, *are allways Lyars, Evil Beaſts, &c.* as this *Libeller*) *Sharply* (αποτομως, Cuttingly.) That they may be found in the Faith, *Tit. c.* 1. *v.* 12. 13.

ERRATA.

EPiſt. page 3. read πόδας. June, r. *Ingulph's*, p. 2. l. 4. r. *hear*, p 8. l. 19. for ! r. , p. 29 r. *not*, p. 35. l. 8. r. Trigon *faith*. p. 34. l. 20. r. *Conjunctiones*, p. 36. l. 24. r. *Moiſt*, *or Intemperate*. Smaller *Errors* are left to the Breaſt of the Candid *Reader* for Pardon.

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